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Winning moves — While the Andover High field hockey team had trouble scoring in its 1-0 loss to end the regular season, they've netted several goals this year — including making the state tournament. The team was seeded No. 17 in a state-high 20-team field in the Division 1 North Tournament. The Lady Warriors will open play this afternoon, Thursday, at 2:30 p.m., against No. 16 seed Westford Academy. If AHS wins today, it will advance to a first-round game against top seed Danvers.

Questions, election upon town, state

Decision: Your next president – and more

By Adam Groff

Andover residents have a number of important decisions to make on Nov. 7.

Although all of the races for state offices in Massachusetts and one race for U.S. Congress are uncontested, citizens must decide on eight ballot questions, and, of course, they must choose a president, a vice president, and U.S. senator.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Precincts 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 will vote at the Andover High School field house, while Precincts 1, 3 and 8 will vote at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court.

On the Democratic ticket for president and vice president are Al Gore and Joe Lieberman, and, for the Republicans, George W. Bush and Dick Cheney. The race has been too close to call for many weeks

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Seniors hire fundraising leaders

By Rebecca Piro

Before long, professional fundraisers Butcher, Nolan & Briggs will move into their new office space at the current senior center.

But the Amesbury, Mass. organization is not just relocating, it's moving in with seniors to help relaunch the fundraising efforts that seniors hope will turn Will Hall into the town's next senior center.

The organization was hired this week to steer the seniors closer to reaching their $4.2 million goal to renovate Phillips Academy's Will Hall, says Doreen Correnti, president of the volunteer Friends of Andover Seniors fundraising group.

Some fresh ideas and new strategies from Butcher, Nolan & Briggs might again jump-start the seniors' efforts, says Wayne Loosigian, fundraiser search committee member.

A professional fundraiser himself for Phillips Exeter in New Hampshire, Loosigian says the three members of this organization – Janet Nolan, Jim Butcher and Eric Briggs – give him hope that

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Photo by Tim Jean

Carol Livingston and Al Retelle enjoy the decorations and some conversation at a Village Garden Club flower show at Marland Place last week. Story, page 31.

Mill artifacts won't take powder

By Rebecca Piro

Developers of Powdermill Square are still waiting for the state to say they can start digging.

But before the steamshovels and dumptrucks tear up the site, residents might see archaeologists on their hands and knees using spades and brushes.

That's because developer Northpoint Realty has agreed to allow an archaeological dig before major construction gets underway.

Members of the Board of Selectmen, Preservation Commission, and Massachusetts Historical Commission are all support this decision.

The proposed housing and office complex called Powdermill Square would be located on North Main Street, next to the Shawsheen River and Stevens Street where six buildings, all part of an industrial historic district, currently stand.

Dating as far back as the Revolutionary War, paper, grist

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TownTalk

Photos from 1964 Phillips yearbook

Stuffing the box — Head cheerleader-turned-presidential candidate George W. Bush (in dark clothing) ushered people toward a different kind of booth while at Phillips Academy.

Looking into Bush's past

Early in his presidential campaign, George W. Bush faced a number of questions about his past. But there are those in Andover who know exactly what Bush was like in his younger years — specifically his high school years.

And they've got the pictures to prove it.

Bush attended Phillips Academy in Andover, and is featured prominently in the 1964 school yearbook, when he was a senior.

Known as "Tweeds" and "Lip," the politician who would be advised to tone down his smirk was involved with a number of activities at PA.

It turns out that Governor isn't the first title he's held. As a senior, for instance, he was the "high commissioner of stickball."

His final year at Phillips he was also a member of the varsity baseball and basketball teams, the JV football squad, the head cheerleader, and a member of the Student Congress, Spanish Club and Phillips Society.

— Neil Fater

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Now hear this — At Phillips in Andover, Bush served as cheerleader, athlete and even "high commissioner of stickball."

News In Brief

Special warrant forum

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will hold an Andover warrant forum on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. League members, town officials, and interested parties will present information about the warrant articles to be voted on at Andover's Special Town Meeting which starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Collins Center. The warrant forum is open to the public. It will be televised live and rebroadcast on cable Channel 8.

The LWV will also host a warrant unit for members and guests on Thursday, Nov. 9 at noon at the home of Joanne Marden. At this meeting, members will consider what positions, if any, to take on warrant articles for both Andover and North Town Meetings.

Veterans breakfast

Consul General of the Korean Consulate Jason Park, will be the keynote speaker at the Red Cross Annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Monday, Nov. 6 at the Wyndham Hotel, at 7:30 a.m.

The Red Cross is co-sponsoring the breakfast with the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Minutemen Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. Although it honors all veterans, there will be a special tribute to those men and women who served in the Korean War.

Park has been in diplomacy for 25 years, serving in Paris, Africa, the Middle East and now in Boston. He has received numerous awards and decorations from the countries of France, Zaire, Korea, and Senegal.

For more information, call Betty Kirk at the Red Cross, (978) 372-6871 or (978) 683-2465.

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Starting gun for track

Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 8, the indoor track in the Andover High School field house will be open to Andover residents for walking, jogging, and running, according to Dick Bourdelais, the schools physical education coordinator. He believes that the facility will be available until the end of March.

Morning parking is restricted to spaces 129-146, located adjacent to the fence behind the field house. Locker rooms and showers are not available. Participants must stay in the field house. Users may be asked to show proof of residency.

The field house will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 to 7 a.m. Residents must finish promptly at 7 a.m. Evening hours are 8 to 9:15 p.m.

The track will be closed when school is not in session.

Free pneumonia shot for Andover seniors

Health director Everett F. Penney Jr. is urging certain residents to clear time for a shot this month.

Pneumococcal pneumonia disease is a common complication of influenza, is an infection caused by bacteria. People at risk for this bacterial pneumonia include everyone over 65, residents of long-term care facilities, and people younger than 65 with certain chronic medical conditions.

The Andover Board of Health will administer the vaccine free of charge to at-risk individuals on Tuesday, Nov. 21 and Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. An appointment is necessary. Call the public health nurse at 623-8295 for an appointment.

Pneumococcal pneumonia is a serious illness that kills thousands of people each year. The vaccine is safe and works, according to Penney. "I urge all those in the at-risk categories to take advantage of the vaccine," he said.

Web question

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was: "What should the town do now regarding a youth center?"

Out of a total of 79 votes, 48 percent of people want to buy into the Andover Youth Foundation plan, which grants town land to the foundation to privately raise the needed $4.5 million and build the center.

The town should build the center itself without any help from a private group, say 33 percent, and eight percent says the town cannot afford to maintain a youth center and should not build one at all. Only one percent wants to see the town hold off until the seniors know whether they will move forward with Will Hall, and nine percent says a youth center is simply not needed. One percent of voters had other suggestions.

This week's question is: **"If Revolutionary War-era artifacts are found at the Powdermill Square site, what do you want to happen?"**

Surf to <www.andovertownsman.com> to cast your vote.

Quote, unquote . . .

"If suddenly we go into a deep recession, we'll be rolling back taxes and (state) aid would be cut. There would be no stopping it, like snowballing down the hill."

Andover state Rep. Barry Finegold, explaining he does not support Question 4, a tax rollback to 5 percent. (Story, page 17.)

"I think it is (feasible). I wouldn't have said that a month ago, but now I'm feeling good that we have this organization on board."

Wayne Loosigian, member of the seniors' search committee, (Story, page 1.)

News Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 2

Andover Retirement Contributory Retirement Board, town offices, third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m.

Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5

Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 9 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 6

Council on Aging, Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 8 a.m.

Sanborn School Council, Media Center, 3:30 p.m.

Redistricting Task Force, school administration building, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, town offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Conservation Commission, town offices, third floor, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative, Board of Directors, 476 Broadway, Methuen, 8:30-11 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9

Strategic Planning – Long, school administration building, second floor, 7:30 a.m.

Health Communities Tobacco Awareness Program, 20 Main St., second floor, 11 a.m.

Finance Committee, town offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

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TownTalk

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Photo by Tim Jean

A treat — Costumed visitors got candy at Wingate Nursing Home this week.

It's elementary: Mock election gets kids into the debate

Fifth graders at South Elementary on Monday afternoon were getting ready to educate their younger fellow students about Election 2000. Their teacher, Steve Zrike, urged them to keep their presentations to the allotted five-minute time limit. "These younger kids have a short attention span," he said, adding, "Even shorter than fifth-graders."

"That's amazing!" quipped one student.

Monday's classroom activity was part of Andover's participation in the National Student/Parent Mock Election. Sanborn and West elementary schools are also participating.

The South students were expected to give team presentations on Wednesday addressing the biographies and platforms of the major parties' candidates.

They have also set up a process for fellow students to register to vote today, Nov. 2. Students who don't register can't vote, just like in the real election. The results will be sent to the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston, which is coordinating the state's mock election.

Armed with a Boston newspaper's student-election supplements, the students broke into groups of five to work on their presentations. Queried about who they plan to vote for, many were uncertain, but on the whole, the students leaned toward George W. Bush.

"He's easier to understand," said many students, who were assigned to watch one of the presidential debates to help them form an opinion.

"I'm voting for George Bush," said Trip Stevens, of Gardner Avenue, "because I'm a Republican. I believe people shouldn't do what the government tells them, they should do it their own way."

"Bush is more into the community. He makes people laugh. Gore is more stiff and not as easy to understand," said Ben Rosenzweig. Another student noted that Gore "wears too much makeup!"

Steven Goldshein of Roulston Circle said that he plans to vote for Bush because "I want to know what it's like to have a Republican president." However, he added, "If I told my grandfather, he'd dissect me alive."

Some students were more reflective. Chelsea Gerard of Andover Street said, "All of them are saying they can do all these things, but some of that has to be a lie, because you can't do all of it. So you kind of have to figure out who's more of a liar." She allowed that this was hard to do without actually seeing either man in office.

"I want George Bush," she finally decided, fulfilling some of the fears of the Gore campaign, "because Al Gore was with Bill Clinton, and Bill Clinton lied about a lot of stuff, so you don't know if Al Gore is lying or not."

Amanda Oppenberg of Rattlesnake Hill Road then volunteered that she believes it is possible to tell who's lying.

"You can tell in their eyes," she said, "because when they're lying they space out a lot, and stutter when they talk."

Anne Tucker of Abbot Street dissented from the majority opinion of her peers, appealing to issues that affect the lives of students like her. "I'm voting for Gore," she said, "because Bush wants to make us take tests every year. That's not good. If you don't pass, you have to stay back, and you don't get to stay with your friends."

"It's like taking the MCAS over again," added Catherine Desjardins of Cottage Road.

Molly Prudden of Enfield Drive also spoke up in favor of Gore, saying, "He's smart. He went to Harvard."

Zrike said these local answers matched the results of other national polls, which put Bush squarely in the lead among children nationally. Exactly how this reflects on Bush is unclear.

The National Student/Parent Mock Election emphasizes its nonpartisan status, and disavows any predictive value in its election exercise, which has as its exclusive goal civic education about the electoral process. More information about the organization can be found at <www.mockelection2000.net>.

— Adam Groff

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Dig it: Archeological study still possible at Powdermill

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and powder mills stood on that site, says Preservation Commission Chairwoman Karen Herman. Last week, several town officials and volunteers petitioned the state to require an archaeological dig there.

"If we're going to have as an intensive a development as this one is, this is probably our last opportunity to see what's beneath the surface," says Herman.

Last Thursday, Oct. 26, Northpoint's attorney Bob Lavoie announced that the developer had recruited a University of Massachusetts Amherst team to pick through the layers of soil in hopes of salvaging artifacts, says Selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

There is a good chance that the UMass team will find something of historical value, Herman adds.

"I think there is a good possibility. It could go from finding very little to finding a lot," she says.

Whatever is discovered would most likely stay in Andover for the whole community's benefit, Herman says.

There are also four houses on-site – which are protected only by a six-month demolition delay – that Northpoint will give to any person willing to move them off-site, says Major. If there are no takers, anything of historical value inside the homes can be salvaged before they are demolished, he adds. Herman does not expect anyone to volunteer to move the buildings, because they are in such "deplorable condition." But the architect of Powdermill Square has offered to take photographs of the homes and complete drawings of the inside layout of each building for historical record.

"That, I am very grateful for," says Herman.

The state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs is expected to announce soon whether it will require developers to file an Environmental Impact Report before going forward with the project, says Major.

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A Special Town Meeting will be held in Andover on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 14 and 15.

The last day to register to vote for non-registered voters for this Special Town Meeting is Friday, Nov. 3 and the town clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. that day.

Babysitting will be available at the Special Town meeting until 10 p.m. Preregistration is mandatory and must be reserved by Thursday, Nov. 9.

Call the Department of Community Services at 623-8200 to make a reservation.

Upon request, sign language interpreters, material on tape and other auxiliary aides and services will be provided to ensure effective communication as specified in the American with Disability Act.

Contact the town's ADA coordinator at 623-8530 by Friday, Nov. 3.

Fundraisers' task: 10 months, $3.3 million

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the remaining $3.3 million can still be raised before July 2001, in accordance with the seniors' lease with Phillips Academy, which owns Will Hall.

"I think it is (feasible)," says Loosigian. "I wouldn't have said that a month ago, but now I'm feeling good that we have this organization on board."

Though seniors announced the kickoff of their campaign almost four years ago, only about $900,000 has been raised since then, including $500,000 given by Town Meeting to "jump start" the fundraising.

The difference this time, says Loosigian, is that Butcher, Nolan & Briggs is an experienced, professional fundraiser.

"You need to have a professional fundraiser to have a campaign of this magnitude work," he says. "The biggest difference is that Janet Nolan is going to be hands-on. She will have an office in the senior center." The Friends "will still be key to the success, but now you have someone who knows how to raise money and will literally be holding their hand as they do it," Loosigian adds.

A representative from Butcher, Nolan & Briggs declined to comment.

Now that Butcher, Nolan & Briggs is on board, the first step is to straighten out the financial records, says Loosigian. The seniors were granted $500,000 by the town in 1996 as seed money for the project. Since then, seniors have received small donations here and there.

"The first thing is to go back and see what has been done... just to understand what's happened to date and get the records straight," says Loosigian.

He predicts the biggest donors to the campaign will come in six and seven digit donations.

One of the challenges facing the three fundraisers may be the youth center, if voters support the $4.5 million proposal for a building in West Andover this November.

If the land article is passed, Andover Youth Foundation members will be out in full force starting this winter recruiting donors for their cause, says Loosigian. Therefore, he hopes that seniors can get their fundraising completed as quickly as possible, so as not to compete with the youth.

"It's my hope that we're able to complete our efforts with the senior center so we're not bumping heads with the effort for a youth center," Loosigian says.

Though the Amesbury fundraising organization was one of the only real possibilities the search committee considered, its record of success at other ventures – including multiple community centers – makes them a good choice, says Loosigian.

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Triangle study looks to connect disconnected

By Rebecca Piro

In the midst of public meetings to improve Main Street, a group of 18 MIT graduate students and their teacher want to remind the town not to forget about Powder Mill Square, Dundee Park, the Andover train station and the Shawsheen River – a large area near Main Street, but a part of the downtown that often gets overlooked, they say.

To ensure that this area of town is better developed, Andover is conducting a so-called triangle study, says Planning Director Steve Colyer.

Colyer is overseeing the work of three teams from MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning. These teams are targeting the area known as the "triangle," which includes land between North Main Street, Essex Street and the Shawsheen River, including Dundee Park and Powder Mill Square.

"What is interesting about that area is that it's not the downtown, and it is a little bit forgotten," says second-year student Adam Varat, who is working towards his master's degree in city planning. "There is a lot of diversity (of building types), a more slightly funky feel."

The three teams are trying to suggest ways to improve upon that diversity without losing it, he adds.

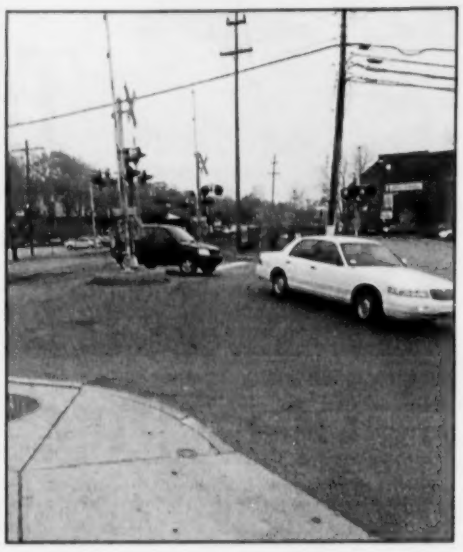
Teacher Terry Szold and her class target a different site each year for field experience. The students include those interested in environmental policy, architecture and urban design.

"There is really a range of interests and skills that are being brought to this project. They're still young and open, but a number of them have really developed their skills," Szold says.

Since September the students have surveyed the triangle area and questioned business-owners and residents about what the triangle needs to connect it to downtown.

"This particular project is so rich in planning opportunities. There's the train station, some conflicting traffic movement, and a natural resource (the Shawsheen River). It makes a good challenge," Szold says.

On Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. the three teams will present some preliminary findings to the public at the school committee conference room. Afterwards, the students will spend the next few weeks shaping the input they receive into three alternate plans for the town to consider. By mid-December, the final recommendations should be completed, she says. The study will cost Andover $8,000.



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Triangulating — One of the difficult intersections, off Railroad Street.

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Always of importance

Admittedly, there are millions of voters in the country, and thousands in Andover, who aren't exactly thrilled about their choices at the poll next week.

Many view the presidential race as a choice between Coke and Pepsi, or worse, as a choice between *warm* Coke and Pepsi.

But there are, of course, a number of important distinctions between the two major candidates.

Eight state ballot questions, including those that could affect taxes and health care, also will be decided.

So, naturally, it's time for even those more apathetic voters to take a trip to their polling stations. But it's important to remember that this trip is not a sad obligation.

Andover and America are lucky to have the choices they have. Often, it just takes a change in perspective, such as one given by Representative Barry Finegold following his trip to Israel, to realize this.

"You come to Andover and we're talking about a youth center. We're not talking about bullets and guns. We're not talking about a person not being able to come here to work from North Andover," says Finegold.

America's peace and good fortune is not something to take for granted.

Next Tuesday, voters will be lucky enough to have the opportunity to make a number of important choices about the nation and state's future. The week after, residents will decide more local concerns, such as whether the town should give land to a private group that wants to build a youth center.

Though the outcome may not have the immediately dire concequences of a bullet, voters should anxiously await and take advantage of their chances to vote.

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As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank you letters.

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Photo courtesy of Phillips Academy, from its 1964 yearbook

Tired Texan — Though his campaign at Phillips apparently left him exhausted at times, 36 years later George W. Bush is nearing the home stretch of his presidential campaign against Vice President Al Gore. The election is Tuesday.

LETTERS

Some selectmen, past and present, push center

Chairman: Awesome plan

Editor, *Townsman:*

We, the town of Andover, have an awesome opportunity before us.

The Andover Youth Foundation, a group of Andover residents, is offering to privately raise the funding and then construct a youth-center facility that they will in turn donate to the town. This project includes the parking lot, sewer, water and gas improvements at the site. The decision that Town Meeting must make is to allow them to construct the facility on town-owned land.

The Andover Youth Foundation is a group of individuals who serve or have served our community as Selectmen, business owners, executives, lawyers, doctors, clergy, town employees, coaches and volunteers. These people live in Andover, have served Andover, are invested in Andover and are interested in the well-balanced educational growth of our young people.

The siting of this facility next to the Deyermond Fields and behind West Fire Station will provide ample space for indoor and outdoor community programming. Andover's vision should be to transform this little-used area into a first-class services and recreational complex. This vision will begin to take form with our vote at Town Meeting.

The location is right (Ledge Road/Chandler Road), the partnership is right (Town/AYF), the capital cost is right ($0) and the reason is right (our youth).

Please vote yes on Articles 10 and 11. It's about youth!

Brian P. Major
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
11 Odyssey Way

Former selectmen: Time is now for youth center

Editor, *Townsman:*

Those of us who have sat on the Board of Selectmen understand needs, dreams, and the competition for energy and dollars. We affirm the plan, intention, and execution of the youth center project before Town Meeting on Nov. 14.

The youth of Andover are our major asset and should be the priority and focus both in our schools and in the youth services program. Those of us who sign this letter caused the Youth Council to come into being. We have been excited by their success and the help offered to so many thousands of youth in our town.

Now it is time to give that program a home to serve the needs of the present and inspire the future.

Therefore, as former selectmen of Andover, we step forward to say we are able to do this as a community. Our will and effort must not be lost in a sea of doubt or destroyed by fear. We applaud the leadership of selectmen who want to see the Andover Youth Center come to pass.

We encourage all to vote "yes" on Articles 10 and 11 on the warrant.

Gerald H. Silverman, 1980-98
Larry Larson, 1991-2000
Charles H. Wesson Jr., 1983-95
Barry R. Finegold, 1995-97
James Barenboim, 1988-97

Letters

Former superintendent: Now more than ever, center is needed

Editor, *Townsman:*

Our youth say the rites of passage in our town are to go to school, get good grades, play sports, get into a good college, but keep out of the way! There is a drug problem with some youth. Families are not as cohesive as they used to be. Sometimes I fear youth in our town are withdrawing from mainstream Andover.

We want youth to be responsible, but we do not give them legitimate responsibilities. We need to give them ways to be responsible, a way to be part of the community. They also need their own turf. On Friday night where do they go? Name three places, and you might not approve of at least two of them.

As I looked out my office window at the Stowe School in the 1970s and '80s, these were the prevailing issues at the time. How things change and still stay the same.

Some other things stay the same, too. We proposed a radio station for the high school. Al Greenberg was chairman of the Finance Committee and was in the process of getting a license for the students. The total spending was about $5,000. On Town Meeting floor it became a financial casualty, and was eliminated.

In 1969 Bill Doherty, in his 38th year as a School Committee member, invited me to lunch. It was my first day as superintendent of schools. He said he had heard from the Finance Committee for all those prior years that this was a bad year. For the next 23 years I had the honor of being the superintendent in Andover, and I heard for all those years, "this is a bad year." That makes 61 "bad years."

The questions and complaints were always the same. We need more information. The site is not good. We have enough already. We cannot afford it. Then there was the eternal clincher, "it is only a small answer to a bigger problem." That is not to say the Fiance Committee did not work hard and wisely, and that its monitoring did not help in making Andover what it is.

I am saying our youth are more in need of our support and confidence than at any other time in my memory. When you challenge them and lift the standard, they act responsibly and with a maturity beyond their years.

I have reviewed the Andover Youth Foundation proposal. I am impressed with the depth of thinking and planning this cross section of the community has produced. I would urge people to find out what the plan is, listen carefully to the issue, and I think they, too, will support the passage of Article 11.

Go to Special Town Meeting on Monday, Nov. 14. Register your sentiments. It is time to do the right thing.

Kenneth Seifert
Andover superintendent, 1969-1992
16 Ivy Lane

Foundation eyes future users of youth center

Editor, *Townsman:*

I recently became a member of the Andover Youth Foundation.

I realized during the second meeting I attended that most of us on the foundation do not have children who will ever get to use the Youth Center. So, why do we work so hard? I guess it's because after having raised children in a town that does not have a youth center, we can truly speak to the need for one.

Sheila Stone
39 Clark Road

Andona supports West Andover youth center

Editor, *Townsman:*

As an organization that for 50 years has been dedicated to the youth of Andover, we believe no greater opportunity to benefit the youth has ever existed than the one that now stands before us: the proposed youth center. Making this opportunity even more compelling is the fact that a group of individuals has agreed to privately raise the funding necessary to build it, thereby minimizing the burden felt by the town.

Andover is a reasonably affluent town, yet many would be surprised by the needs of some of our youth. The youth center would not only benefit children who are perceived as "at risk" but would fill a void for many who are alone during the after-school hours while their parents work. While some after-school opportunities for athletics already exist, a youth center would provide a wide variety of additional offerings for children with other interests. Participation in Andover Youth Services programming has exploded over the past five years, demonstrating that the need is real. The problem is that the space needed to run these programs is severely limited.

There has been some criticism aimed at the location of the proposed center, yet the site was not chosen in haste. For years, other sites have been sought for our seniors, as well as our youth. Quite simply, no better location exists that is closer to the geographical center of Andover (the West Parish Church area) that would accommodate both a 31,000-square-foot building and its parking lot. Moreover, this site, with its adjacent playing fields, would permit future expansion if needed.

What distinguishes the good towns from the exceptional ones are those which provide services to all its citizens. If Andover is to be counted among towns like Lexington, Newton, and Weston, it is imperative that we vote "yes" for the proposed youth center at the Nov. 14 Special Town Meeting.

Lisa McDonald
President, Andona Society

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Column targets need

Editor, *Townsman:*

Thanks to Jack Grady for a great column ("Andover High can't wait to say goodbye," Oct. 26).

I can relate to this, as I was looking for my high-school reunion last year. I made calls to Andover High School, the *Townsman* and the *Eagle-Tribune*. No one knew anything. They didn't even know who to refer me to.

It is difficult to track down classmates when you live 1,000 miles away, especially when many others have moved also. Like many other former residents, I check the *Townsman* every week to see what's up!

The paper is doing many alumni a great service by posting these reunions. Since I don't know if our class held a twenty-fifth reunion, maybe we can have a thirtieth, thanks to Mr. Grady.

Dave Lockwood
AHS Class of 1974
4871 Schoolview Drive
Kernersville, NC

Columnist, research before writing

Editor, *Townsman:*

As a secretary who works in the main office at Andover High School, I take exception to assistant editor Jack Grady's remarks in his Oct. 26 column, "Andover High can't wait to say goodbye." It was about the AHS "staffers" who are unhelpful, abrupt, or rude when taking inquiry calls about reunions.

I take many of these calls, and thanks to the information I find in the *Townsman*, I have put these on the "corkboard" at AHS. I am helpful, patient, and courteous, despite the opinion of certain alumni and editors.

In fact, I have had many callers say that they are grateful that I took the time to find the information for them. A possible solution to this problem would be to have the class officers, whose job it is to have reunion information, take on the responsibility of letting the High School know of upcoming events.

Perhaps, instead of making unfair and inaccurate judgments, Mr. Grady should visit the High School and see just how accommodating the "staffers" in the main office are to both callers and to visitors, students, and parents who enter the office.

Then, after his visit to the main office, maybe he could suggest to the town that if they can afford $34 million to build a new elementary school and a new middle school that perhaps the town could also afford to increase the staff in the main office at the High School so that the *Townsman* would no longer have to "field" such calls.

Oh, and by the way, I would rather eat hot dogs. I don't even like lobster.

Cindy Pilla
10 Blackberry Lane

Main Street changes? Add parking garage

Editor, *Townsman:*

I read in the *Townsman*, (Oct. 26) the downtown area will be beautified and rebuilt. Wonderful.

But will it bring more visitors to Andover's downtown to shop and browse? Where will additional parking be added to accommodate more autos? And why is parking not addressed in conjunction with the projected plan? It seems to me this makes sense. A parking garage – an attractive garage – is long overdue.

Photo by Tim Jean

More of same — If the downtown becomes more attractive, traffic on Main Street will increase, making a garage more needed than ever, says letter writer.

While visiting Hanover, N.H. recently, I parked behind the main street in a lot that was hardly visible. The upper level was open. The level below this was underground. It was metered. The height of the structure was no higher than a one-story building.

The municipal parking lot on Main Street, Andover, has an incline at the rear. It's a perfect spot for a parking garage – I repeat, an attractive, non-intrusive garage – as low as the Hanover one.

Andover has positive things to offer. Parking needs attention.

Certainly this has been approached before. Can someone tell me why, in the year 2000, parking is not forward-thinking and a part of the new millennium ?

Judy Lee
156 Chestnut St.
North Andover

LETTERS

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Center is the answer to 'nothing to do'

Editor, *Townsman:*

A youth center in Andover? No way, the last thing this town needs is to spend more money on something we don't need. I mean, why keep these kids off the streets when we have the police keeping them in check by arresting 23 at a time on some occasions? Why let them go to a place where they can be safe and stay out of trouble, when the Andover youth can drive around aimlessly all night! I mean it just doesn't make sense to build one.

It's not that this town doesn't have the money. We all know that we are filthy rich. And as far as taxpayers go it really won't cost them much either, so instead of arguing with the people who won't let the youth center pass, let's take them through the average Andover youth's night.

It's time the growing population of teens in Andover get a place to go. For example, what is there to do in this town? Oh yeah, we can go to the movies, that's always a good time – oh wait no, we don't have a theater in Andover. It's okay, though, because we can just go hang out at the mall or uptown to shop and eat – oh wait scratch that idea we don't have a mall, and town closes at 5 p.m. on weekends (unless you love 24-hour stores like CVS).

Oh, here's an idea. We can go to the high-school game. That's always fun, unless you've done that for the past six weeks straight and you are just too sick of it.

Voila: well, since we don't have access to any of these, let's head to a youth center. Maybe we'll see some people there and we can hang out and have a good time.

The whole idea just makes too much sense.

So, in order to keep our town's youth off the street and keep them from having another boring night of driving around, let's build a youth center. Not only does it make sense, it may be our last option, because this town is a desert when it becomes the P.M. No one on the streets, too cold to be outside, and just a bunch of Andover teens driving around with nothing to do.

Hugh Mulligan
156 Beacon St.

Youth center would create leaders

Editor, *Townsman:*

How can a community instill in its young people the desire to grow and serve the common good? What creates future leaders willing to work toward a just, and peaceful society? How does a community reduce crime, drug abuse, and violence among its youth?

Andover is a community that seeks anwswers to these questions. It is the answers that make it the rich community it is, not the real estate.

The Andover Youth Foundation Inc., a non profit organization, comprised of local leaders, has committed to privately raise $4 million dollars to build a youth center for this community. Town government working in partnership with social-sector non-profit organizations is the 21st century way to make things happen in communities.

At Town Meeting on Nov. 14 voters will be asked to appropriate town-owned land for this youth center to be built. This is an example of public/ non-profit collaboration that mobilizes local resources and exploits opportunity. Voting to make this proactive youth initiative happen is participating in the world as it is today. The more economy, money, and information become global the more community matters. The world is transforming itself into something it has never been before. It is the leadership, competence and management of a community that will determine its vision of the future.

"Think global but spend your money local," where you can directly benefit from its performance.

Carole Chanler
40 Gray Road

Youth council: We never wavered on support

Editor, *Townsman:*

We, the Andover Youth Council, would like to start off by clarifying the headline stating, "Foundation nearly pulls plug on youth center."

Never was there any wavering of the youth's support for the youth center proposal. Since the disappointing loss at the 1995 town meeting there has been nothing but complete support from Andover's booming youth community towards attaining a youth center.

Many of us on the Youth Council are also part of the Andover Youth Foundation Board and know that the quest for the youth center would never have been abandoned by the committed members of the foundation, whose hard work and dedication has resulted in this generous gift for the town. This is a wonderful opportunity that the town must seize – now. This project's only goal is to heighten the overall experience of living in Andover. This proposal has the potential to become a cornerstone of our community that will benefit generations to come. The possibilities are endless.

We urge the citizens of Andover to stand together in support by casting their important vote for the future of our town.

Patrick Sullivan
Hillary Schofield
Jeff Volinksi
Gretchen Fuhr
Jay Sherman
Jess Fink
Emmy Morrison
Becky Hass
Peter Loring
Jake Minton
Will English
Adam Edelstein
Colleen Georgian
Craig Simpson
Carol Chanler

Finegold to speak on visit to Israel

Having just returned from a trip to Israel, state Rep. Barry Finegold says he's "more committed to that country than ever."

Finegold and seven other Boston-area residents active in the Jewish community were invited to meet with the mayor of Haifa, and with groups of both Arabs and Jews.

Finegold says that while both the Arabs and Jews he spoke with are calling for peace, he also senses a political polarization.

"I think what's happened in the last month set the country back 20 years," he says. "Whether Al Gore or George Bush wins, he has to start from scratch (on the peace process).

"Israel's only 52 years old. A lot of people are saying it's going through a mid-life crisis," he says. "The U.S. had its civil war after 80 years. Israel may be on the brink of having its own civil war. Hopefully, they won't, but it will be similar to what other countries have gone through."

Finegold will speak about his Israel trip Friday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m., at Temple Emanuel.

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Education

Committee receptive to Tucker's 'MCAS Challenge' idea

By Adam Groff

At the last School Committee meeting, on Oct. 24, state Sen. Susan Tucker, D-Andover, proposed the idea of holding one or more Saturday meetings in Andover for the purpose of having parents of Andover students come and take a "slice of the MCAS," and then discuss the contents of the examination.

Tucker: Parents can take a "slice of the MCAS."

Her comments were well-received by the committee.

Tucker says she conceived the idea of making a representative sampling of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System available to parents because she knows there is a lot of debate surrounding the test, which must now be taken by Massachusetts tenth-graders for them to graduate from high school.

In particular, she said, there is controversy surrounding issues such as the appropriateness of the test for students with special needs, and vocational students who divide their time between the classroom and the workshop.

"I feel that the only way to have an intelligent public debate on the subject is to have people actually take the test," she said. "You learn by doing."

Her idea is to have a two-hour testing session on a Saturday with one hour for math and one hour for English. The sample test could be followed, she said, by another hour of discussion. Tucker is working with the state Department of Education to cull questions from currently available sample tests to create her proposed exercise, which she has dubbed "the MCAS Challenge."

Tucker also asserted that although she wants to have the sample tests graded, perhaps on the spot, no one's score would be made public. The point of the exercise is not to see how adults score, she said, but rather to help answer the question, "Is this what we want our students to know and be able to do in the tenth grade?"

The School Committee was receptive to Tucker's idea.

"If the parents have some understanding of this test, I think it would be all to the good," said Frank "Skip" Eccles. More than one committee member admitted having reservations about MCAS, while supporting the general principle of assessment.

Tucker said that if the proposed exercise in Andover was productive, she would consider expanding it to the other towns she represents: Dracut, Lawrence, and Tewksbury. Regarding her decision to float her idea in Andover, she said, "People in Andover are very involved in education, and not just on the local level, but also on the state level, where I work. That made Andover the perfect community to try this."

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>
> — Sen. Susan Tucker

Tucker hopes to have a concrete plan for a parental MCAS exercise in place by late fall or possibly after the winter holidays.

SCHOOLTALK

The Andover High School Parent Advisory Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 6 will feature a presentation by the program advisers for English and social studies, **Lois Roberts** and **Pam Beaudoin**. They will make a presentation on the curriculum revisions and other educational concerns for their departments and will answer questions. The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center. All parents and others interested in education are encouraged to attend. Note that the date of this meeting has been changed from the following week, due to the scheduling of the Special Town Meeting.

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The Mother Connection has has tried to simplify the task of selecting a preschool for parents in the Andover area by hosting its third annual preschool fair tonight, Thursday, Nov. 2 from 6:30 to 9:30.

More than 20 local preschools are participating. The fair will be held at **First Calvary Baptist Church**, 596 Mass. Ave., North Andover.

For more information call **Judy Ferres** at 688-8589.

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Sydney Bialo, executive director of **SHED** and **Kid's Club**, and **Linda Shottes-Bouchard**, director of **Kid's Club**, joined 250 other dependent care professionals from around the country in a national training event in Atlanta, Ga., in what was believed to be the largest corporate-sponsored training program dedicated solely to the child-care needs of working parents.

They will conduct at least four trainings in the community over the next year to share the knowledge and skills acquired during the ABC 2000 National Training.

More than 5,000 area children could benefit from improved child care and after-school programs as a result of their participation, they said.

The impact of their participation would result in training an additional 100 individual providers, with the potential to affect 5,000 area children enrolled in a range of child care programs.

Grant money is also available for providers to implement new programs.

They American Business Collaboration for Dependent Care funded the two-day event and has invested $125 million to improve the quality and expand the quantity of depended care programs in 68 communities since 1992.

Bialo and Shottes-Bouchard were chosen to represent the community because of their superior skills in training school-age care providers and their expertise in assisting them in accessing community resources, organizers said.

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Pike School was host on Friday, Oct. 27, to the **Leipzig Youth Orchestra**. Performing in the Boston area last week, these music students presented a program commemorating the 250th anniversary of the death of **Johann Sebastian Bach**.

Orchestra members are middle and secondary school students who train at the Ottmar Gerster School of Music and Art and the Johann Sebastian Bach School in Leipzig, Germany. The 38 students and eight of their teachers include a string orchestra,

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◀ The Andover Chapter of the American Field Service welcomed the new Andover High AFS students at a picnic at the home of Fran and Pat O'Neil. From left are: Matilde Jensen, Bruno Zanotti-Cavazzoni, Sorrawee Suntharapot and Laura Cohen. Matilde Jensen, of Denmark, is hosted by the DiSciullo/Twohig family of Morningside Drive. Bruno Zanotti-Cavazzoni, of Paraguay, is living with the Earnley family on Ballardvale Road. Sorrawee Suntharapot, of Thailand, is living on Blackberry Lane with the Cohen family. Laura Cohen, a sophomore at AHS, was welcomed back from her AFS summer program in Italy, where she studied art restoration. For information on hosting a student or traveling abroad, contact Dottie Hilbink at 475-4689.

SCHOOLTALK

a chamber orchestra and an accordion quintet.

A corporate grant enabled the group to come to Boston for a one-week trip, which combined concert performances and sightseeing.

The performance last week marked the second time the Leipzig Youth Orchestra has visited Pike in the past three years.

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The Andover High Band received its second gold medal of the season at the New England Scholastic Band Association (NESBA) competition in New Bedford on Oct. 28. The band's show of swing music from the '30s and '40s earned 90 points, four points more than the total in their last competition, Oct. 14 in Malden. Despite having two gold medals, the band remains in second place in its division. The band's goal is to increase the point total enough to take first place at the NESBA finals in East Boston on Nov. 5.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, the last home game of the season at Lovely Field, the **Andover Band Association** will honor senior band members and their parents with photographs, compliments of the Football Boosters Association, and recognition on the field. The band continues to sell raffle tickets for two All-East adult season passes or the equivalent in goods and services for any of the American Skiing Company resorts.

For more information, call 475-8489, or email <ahsmbwgwp@aol.com>.

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The Doherty Middle School Student Council hosts several dances during the year. This student group voted recently that the proceeds from the afternoon and evening dances on Oct. 27 will be sent to Breast Cancer Awareness.

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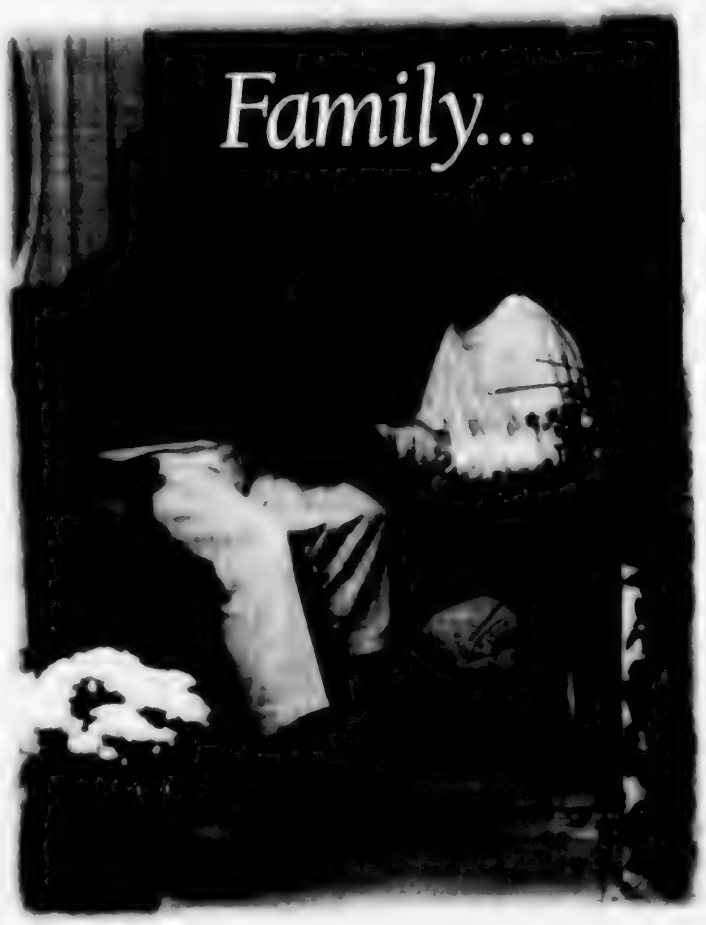
Confetti Conspiracy 2000 was a celebration of people from 13 different cities, joined together only by their love of dance. In the fall of 1999, **Alana Shaw** and **Sarah Grieco** (originally from Andover) embarked on an adventure to fulfill their dream: to teach dance to a vast cross-section of people, most importantly, an intergenerational group. They set up weeklong workshops to encourage people, who not normally interested in dance, to express themselves and to perform in front of small and large audiences. At each stop along the tour, they visited senior centers, public and private schools, art centers and dance studios where they culled a group of people who were willing to practice and eventually create a performance that included song, dance and original live music using conventional and not-so-conventional instruments and music. During the tour through Andover, the **Andover School of Montessori** was invited to particpate in a workshop with the **Andover Senior Center** and other community members. ASM brought over 25 students and staff members for an afternoon of letting go of inhibitions and letting the music "move us." Later in the week, the students were asked to participate in the culminating performance, which included people from all over the Merrimack Valley. From that event, one of ASM's students, **Alexandra Collelo,** 10, was chosen to participate in the national performance in Boulder, Colo. Last month, Alex and members of her family traveled to Boulder for three weeks of connecting, sharing, creating and rehearsing with others from all over the United States and Canada.

At the end of the three weeks, the 100 participants performed four shows, one of which was taped for a PBS broadcast.



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AP Scholar Awards announced at AHS

Twenty-two students at Andover High School have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations. Only about 13 percent of the more than 700,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 2000 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Students take AP Examinations in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams). Juliet Grabowski qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

• Seven students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are: Christine Bevacqua, David Krasik, Siobhan Landry, Stephen Liu, David Mason, Alyssa Saunders, Amy Weiner.

• Fourteen students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are: Jenna Bernstein, Dasha Bolotina, Caroline Chen, Joshua Coates, Phillip Collins, Shambhavi Guruprasad, Alexis Kassan, Ellen Keith, Andrew Lapsa, Olivia Leitermann, Rebecca Rouse, Christian Salini, and Laura Schrader.

Of this year's award recipients, only one student, Olivia Leitermann, is an underclassman.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a year of credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. There are 33 AP Examinations offered in 19 subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions.

AHS REUNIONS

AHS class of 1995 sets reunion date

The Andover High class of 1995's 5-year reunion will be held at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., on Friday, Nov. 24, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are $30.

Make checks payable to Andover High School Class of '95, and send them to: David Charland, 3501-207 Cumberland Creek Road, Raleigh, NC 27613.

SEND A LINK TO A FRIEND — Andover High reunion information is uploaded weekly to the Education pages on the *Townsman* Web site: www.andovertownsman.com

LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Nov. 6-10:

Elementary schools

Monday: Fish and chips, nachos with cheese sauce, slice of pizza with salad, carrots, peaches, and milk.

Tuesday: No school.

Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs with roll, toasted cheese sandwich, slice of pizza with salad. (Lucky tray day.)

Thursday: Egg salad sandwich with soup, french toast and sausages, baked chicken nuggets, green beans, pears, and milk.

Friday: Pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog with puffs, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, peas, fresh fruit, milk, and Jello with whipped cream.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Oven-baked chicken, nachos with cheese sauce, stuffed crust pizza with salad, carrots, peaches, and milk.

Tuesday: No school.

Wednesday: Chicken and gravy with potato, chicken McSchool, and stuffed crust pizza with salad. (Lucky tray day.)

Thursday: Egg salad sandwich with soup, cheeseburger with fries, baked chicken nuggets, green beans, pears, and milk.

Friday: Chicken fajitas, two hot dogs with puffs, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, peas, fresh fruit, milk, and Jello with whipped cream.

Secondary schools

Monday: Ravioli with roll, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with meatballs, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta ilio olio with roll, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Wednesday: Barbecue chicken with potato, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with meatballs, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Thursday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta ilio olio with roll, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Cheese omelet with sausage, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with meatballs, fruit, veggie, and milk.

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News

Resident who already needs stoplight to get out of driveway worries about more changes

Main Street project to improve safety eyed by residents

By Rebecca Piro

About two years ago, resident Robert McLean became what he guesses is the only resident in the state to have his very own stoplight at the end of his driveway.

Because of the problematic intersection where his house is situated – amidst the Railroad and North Main Street intersection – McLean says the state insisted on installing a traffic light for his safety, as well as that of other drivers.

While McLean admits that dealing with a stoplight every time he wants to leave his house demands patience, he is more worried about the state's latest plans to alter his property.

Mass. Highway Department will approve $2.5 million to fund Andover's Main Street reconstruction, which is designed to start at Stevens Street and travel to Wheeler Street. However, the town only gets that money if it adheres to all of Mass. Highway's road regulations. This means creating 12-foot wide lanes at the Railroad Street intersection, six feet of which will be subtracted from what McLean calls his front yard.

"The stop light we've lived with for a couple of years," he says. "The idea of losing six feet of my property is more disturbing."

McLean's property is one of only four abutting houses where the present curb line will be significantly altered to widen the road.

McLean worries that the changes will affect the number of cars his tenants can have and lower the value of his property.

He's not alone – many residents are concerned that the changes on Main Street are not advantageous.

The Main Street renovation project is primarily a safety project, says designer David Giangrande, vice-president of Design Consultants Inc. of Somerville.

Giangrande, a resident of Andover, approached the town about two years ago with the proposal to improve the flow of Main Street traffic, as well as driver and pedestrian safety. Since then, the town has received tentative approval for $2.5 million in state money. Voters at 1998 Town Meeting set aside $350,000 for a parallel project to improve downtown aesthetics, such as coordinating newspaper boxes, planting trees and purchasing benches.

After wrestling with Mass. Highway to get a waiver of the standard bicycle-lane requirement on Main Street, Giangrande says Andover has arrived at the state's best option, meaning McLean will lose the front of his land to a wider Main Street, specifically to comply with bicycle-lane standards.

The four car lanes – two for northbound traffic, two for southbound traffic – must be kept to maximize the street's traffic capacity, says Giangrande. As the road continues south, the next major changes will probably happen at Elm Square, where extra turning lanes may be added to improve traffic flow. A message-board at the corner of Main and Essex Street may be installed for pedestrians to warn drivers not to turn right on red. The road width is satisfactory to Mass. Highway and will not be widened significantly beyond Elm Square. Only one parking space is expected to be lost, across from the corner of Main and Punchard. Crosswalks may be relocated for better pedestrian access. Traffic signals would be aligned to improve traffic flow through Main Street.

Because of Mass. Highway's requirements, issues such as the curb line and road width are not up for debate, says Giangrande.

"Mass. Highway isn't going to budge," he says. "The lane widths are not on the table. That is what we've been fighting for two years vehemently."

What is up for discussion are the crosswalks, rounded-out curbs, handicap accessibility and traffic signal systems, he adds.

Residents have a lot more leeway in the aesthetic matters, explains Elaine Johnson of Pressley Associates. Pressley would like to see more trees planted up and down Main Street, saving as many of the present ones as possible. Residents will be able to choose what types of trees, lamp posts, trash receptacles and other details they would like to see.

However, as of the last public hearing Wednesday, Oct. 25, many residents in attendance argued they were not quite ready to discuss the aesthetic details of the project, since they were not yet comfortable with the engineering plans.

Rather than hold several more public hearings and cost the town extra money, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski agreed to appoint a task force of residents to make recommendations to the town and hold informational meetings for the public.

Mass. Highway has not yet officially approved even the earliest stages of the engineering, says Giangrande. It will hold its own public hearing for the project probably sometime this November, he adds.

Towards the end of last Thursday's meeting, some residents seemed more content knowing a task force would be appointed.

"I do feel a lot better about it now," says resident Frances Wheeler.

Safety Officer Bob Cronin says the town needs the project, though he is wary of the efforts to make traffic flow faster and more efficiently.

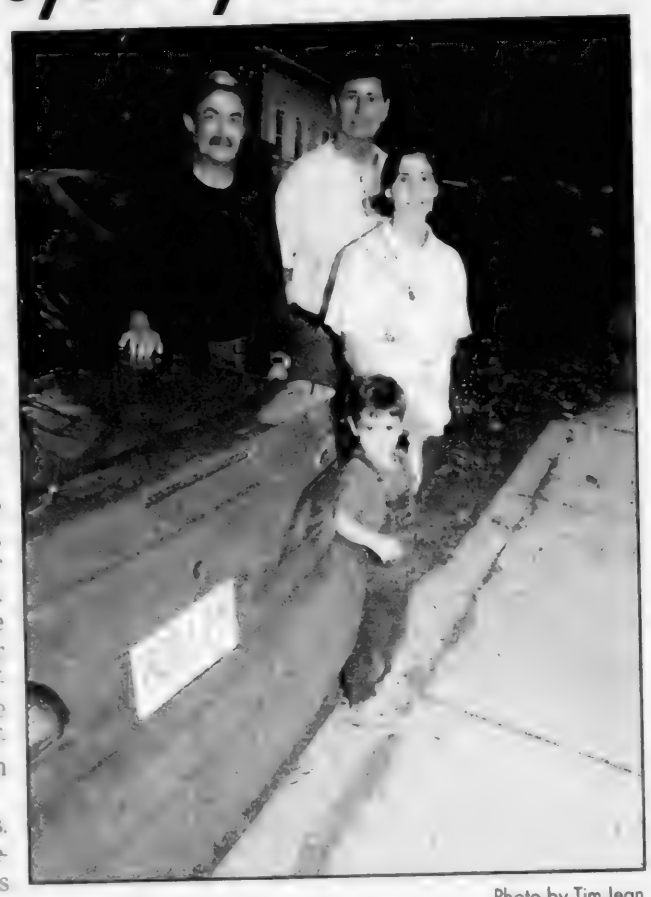
"I don't want a highway (in downtown) Andover, but to get the improvements we need, we need to buy into the Mass. Highway plan," Cronin says.

Many town residents, such as Abby O'Hara, want to see Main Street improved without sacrificing the small-town New England look of Andover's downtown.

"Andover's Main Street should move cars through the town in a steady and efficient manner without negatively impacting pedestrians and the small New England town atmosphere of our community," she says.

O'Hara hopes that the task force will provide residents with the opportunity to discuss other ways to get around Mass. Highway's requirements.

"We must explore every option to get around the state-mandated travel-lane widths," she says.



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Richard Gobiel, Robert McLean and Susan Hutchins with son Stephen sit at the end of McLean's driveway. He has a stoplight to let him out into the Route 28 traffic.

Elm Square part of the problem

As one of the widest and busiest intersections in town, Elm Square poses a great challenge to David Giangrande of Design Consultants Inc., who wants to make Main Street safer and more efficient for pedestrians and traffic.

At a public meeting where Giangrande presented his proposal to residents and officials, the general consensus was that Elm Square has some major problems.

"The problem with that spot is that it is very pedestrian-unfriendly," said resident Tom Cody.

"Elm Square is a lot of paving. It's a little daunting to pedestrians," agreed landscape consultant Elaine Johnson of Pressley Associates, who will focus on the aesthetic dimensions of the design.

It doesn't look as though any significant reconstruction of the intersection is possible, however, said Planning Director Steve Colyer, because the intersection of Elm Street, Central Street, Essex Street, and Main Street is anything but a square.

"There are no 90-degree angles," he said. "It's an awkward intersection."

"There are essentially 7 approaches that come into that intersection," said Giangrande. "It makes it very difficult. We'd like to tighten it up some, but the opportunities are somewhat limited."

Those opportunities include the introduction of a left-turn-only lane on Main Street traveling southbound, and eliminating the current right-turn-only lane into Central or Essex street. Many motorists ignore the right-turn-only markings, by using the right-hand lane and then continuing straight on Main Street to beat the queue often backed up behind a vehicle trying to turn left onto Elm.

But introducing a left-turn-only lane may not be the solution to traffic and safety hazards, Colyer said. A careful study of the traffic flow must come first – and even then, the change could lead to problems at other approaches to the square, he said.

"It's easy to say we'll just switch the lanes and it will work," Colyer said. "But you may end up with a longer queue (somewhere else)."

The crosswalks are another area that need serious attention, said Jim Doherty, who works near Elm Square and observes the difficulty pedestrians experience. The last time work was done on Elm Square was about 20 years ago, and the state changed the perpendicular crosswalks to the current diagonals, he said.

Colyer said the crosswalks cannot be changed back to perpendicular ones, but Giangrande said he intends to address the pedestrian problem through a manipulation of traffic signals.

Residents fear traffic dangers

Will two day-cares = nightmare?

By Rebecca Piro

If a new day-care center goes in at 516 South Main St. right across the state highway from the already-established Cuddle Care, it might mean survival of the fittest in more ways than one, say some Andover residents and officials.

The safety of children and parents is in jeopardy if the Planning Board grants a permit to Next Generation Children Center, say residents who gathered at a Tuesday, Oct. 24 meeting. The already-congested traffic on Route 28 will only get worse, and constructing a day-care center right across the street from Cuddle Care is overkill, they say.

Safety is really the biggest worry, says Timothy Dunn, a resident of Colonial Drive who drops his child off at Cuddle Care five days per week.

"The speed limit on (Route) 28 is 45 miles per hour as posted. People usually drive upwards of 10 miles per hour over that. Put kids into that mix and, to me, it's not an area that you need to be adding (onto) the volume of cars," he says.

Cuddle Care owner Gwen Hedrick has operated her business at 511 So. Main for 12 years, and says she's watched her customers fight the traffic every morning and afternoon to drop off and pick up children.

Photo by Tim Jean

Monkey see — Regulars at Cuddle Care, a day-care center off Route 28, could soon see other kids playing at a proposed center across Route 28, on the site of the old restaurant seen in the background.

Cuddle Care currently services an average of 90 kids per day. If Next Generations moves in across the street, into the former Santina's Restaurant building, an extra 240 children and their parents will make the traffic in front of her location even worse.

"It would be another 200 cars across the street trying to get in," she says. "If you've got people coming in here and coming in there, it could potentially be a real gridlock."

"There's the day-care across the street that has 90 kids, a temple nearby, plus how close (the site) is to the Route 125 interchange and the speed at that level is all the ingredients for danger. For us to ignore it and put blinders on would be irresponsible," says Chairman Michael Miller.

That's why the board ordered a traffic study to be done, despite Attorney Mark Johnson's argument that the Dover Amendment protects child-care facilities from such scrutiny.

The addition of cars would be only one challenge to Hedrick's existing business. Some of her loyal customers say they worry that the competition of a new, larger day care right across the road could potentially take away her business.

But when residents petitioned the Planning Board to prevent another day care's construction, the board refused.

The Planning Board's role is only to review the site and make recommendations for the residents' and developer's well being, says Chairman Michael Miller. The board does not have the right to tell developers what they can use their land for.

"It's not a question of need," says Planning Director Steve Colyer, noting the Planning Board must review the site as though it is just another commercial enterprise. "There is no saturation point or anything."

Hedrick isn't worried about her business.

"We're well-established," she says. "I don't think it would significantly impact us."

"My clients are very comfortable that this is a good location for a very successful day-care center," says Johnson.

Joseph LaGrasse, the architect for the project, says it is the number of vehicles traveling down Route 28 that makes the number of nursery schools and day cares in that area work.

The project has not yet received approval from the state for a curb cut off Route 28, Hedrick says. If the state decides that the traffic situation is too dangerous for another development, it won't be the first time Next Generation was refused a site in Andover. About a year and a half ago the Planning Board denied a permit to Next Generation at a Lowell Street location, just across the street from Raytheon where the traffic is already intense, says Colyer. Next Generation also looked into a site on River Road, but abandoned that idea when it found that the location was mostly swampland, he adds.

The board will reconvene on the hearing Nov. 28, at which time the developer will present traffic data for review, says LaGrasse.

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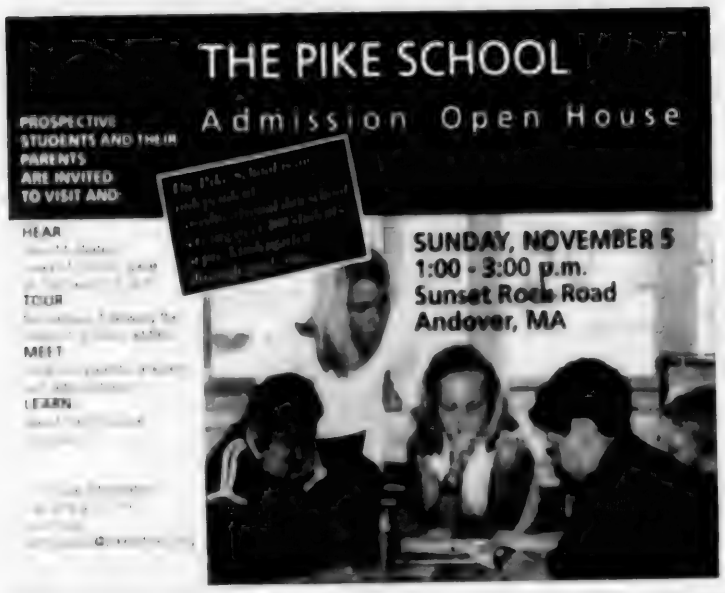

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Election answers questions

now, although in recent weeks Bush has shown a slight lead in the polls, usually (though not always) within the margin of error.

Outside the two major parties, there are four other tickets, including the Green Party duo of consumer activist Ralph Nader and Native American activist Winona LaDuke.

Challenging Democrat Ted Kennedy for his U.S. Senate seat from Massachusetts are Libertarian candidate Carla Howell, Republican candidate Jack E. Robinson III, Unenrolled candidate Dale Friedgen, Timesizing Not Downsizing candidate Philip Hyde III, and Constitution Party candidate Philip Lawler.

Of the eight Massachusetts ballot questions, the first two are proposed amendments to the constitution, and the last six are laws proposed by initiative petition.

The first question regards how soon the results of the most recent federal census can be used in state redistricting. The proposed amendment would allow census data to be used two years after the census rather than the current four years. Thus, approving **Question 1** will allow the state to apply the most recent census data in redistricting for the 2002 state elections. The state legislature voted unanimously on June 28 to approve this measure.

Question 2 proposes to limit the voting rights of incarcerated felons. The proposed amendment would prevent such persons from voting for U.S. senator or congressional representative, as well as governor, lieutenant governor, state senator, state representative, and various other state offices. The legislature most recently approved this measure on June 28 by a vote of 144 to 45.

Question 3 proposes a law banning dog racing, or greyhound racing, in Massachusetts as a form of gambling, with a penalty of not less than $20,000 for violators. Supporters of this measure include the Animal Rescue League and the MSPCA. Those against the ban note that the racing is regulated and "no violations of animal welfare regulations have been documented" in the state.

Question 4 is a measure that has attracted a great deal of attention, because it proposes to roll back the state income tax from the current 5.85 percent to 5 percent in steps over three years. Advocates of this measure say it merely keeps a promise made to the citizens of Massachusetts by the legislature when it raised the rate above 5 percent in 1989. Opponents say a tax rollback would jeopardize the state's goals for education, health care, and the economy. (See sidebar, page 17.)

Question 5 pursues the goal of comprehensive health-care coverage for all Massachusetts residents. In particular, it provides for what is essentially a Massachusetts patients' bill of rights. The new law would require health-insurance carriers to provide certain rights to patients and providers, such as the right of a patient to choose his or her own health-care provider, and the right of providers to prescribe the care that they deem necessary. In addition, the law would prohibit the conversion of non-profit hospitals, HMOs, and health insurers into for-profit entities until the goal of universal coverage is reached. A state Health Care Council would be set up to achieve these ends.

In contrast to fundraising efforts for and against the other ballot questions, there is a sizable disparity in the amount of money raised on both sides of Question 5. According to the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance, as of October 15, the two coalitions opposing Question 5, the Coalition for Health Care and Vote For Health: Yes on 5 have raised a total of $137,215 and spent $123,006. In contrast, the No on 5 Coalition has raised $1,393,607 and spent $864,101.

Question 6 is tied to Question 4 in the minds of many people, as it also has to do with reducing the tax burden. This law would refund Massachusetts tolls and motor-vehicle excise taxes in the form of a personal income tax credit for individuals and a corporate excise tax credit for corporations whose employees pay tolls on company time.

Also tax-related is **Question 7**, which provides for a tax deduction for charitable contributions. Massachusetts is one of eight states that does not already allow such a deduction, and ranks close to the bottom in charitable giving, according to the measure's supporters. Sen. Michael Worrissey argues that the change would create a loophole for the rich.

Lastly, **Question 8** would change state laws to divert money collected from fines paid and property forfeited in connection with drug crimes into a proposed Drug Treatment Trust Fund. Currently, the money is divided between prosecutors and police departments. The measure is part of an apparent effort to shift the emphasis in the state's drug strategy from imprisonment to treatment for lesser drug offenders.

The state legislature has not taken a position on Questions 3 through 8.

According to Maria Bartlett, president of the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, the state LWV has taken the following positions on five of the eight ballot questions:

Question 2, No; Question 4, No; Question 5, Yes; Question 6, No; Question 8, Yes.

Questions about the league's positions can be directed to their office at (617) 523-2999, or to Bartlett by email at jbbmkb@mediaone.net.

Uncontested races in the eight Andover precincts are as follows: Representative in Congress, Martin T. Meehan; Councillor, Mary-Ellen Manning; Senator in General Court, Susan Tucker; Representative in General Court for all but the fifth precinct, Barry Finegold; Representative in General Court for the fifth precinct, David Nangle; Clerk of Courts, Thomas Driscoll Jr.; Register of Deeds, Thomas Burke. All of these candidates are Democrats.

Presidential race

Joining Bush, Gore and Nader in the presidential election are several other candidates.

Conservative commentator Pat Buchanan and Los Angeles educator Ezola Foster are running with the Reform Party.

Also on the Massachusetts ballot for U.S. president and vice president are Harry Browne and Art Olivier with the Libertarian Party. Finally, John Hagelin and Mike Tompkins appear on the ballot as Unenrolled. However, Hagelin's campaign Web site shows his current running mate as Nat Goldhaber, and their party is described as the Natural Law Party/Independent Party Coalition.

Voting in town

The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is Monday, Nov. 6, at noon.

Residents with questions may call the town clerk's office at 623-8200.

Question 4

Right time or wrong solution?

By Rebecca Piro

Voters will decide this Tuesday, Nov. 7 whether the state income tax rate will stay at its current 5.85 percent or return to 5 percent – a reduction some call a long-awaited promise from the legislature, but others call a risk to the health of the state's economy.

Question 4 proposes an income tax rate reduction from the current 5.85 percent to 5 percent over a three-year period. The present rate is a result of a decision made 11 years ago by state legislature to combat a fiscal crisis.

When the state decided to raise the rate in 1989, it was only on the condition that the rate would eventually reverse when the economy improved, says Chip Ford, co-chairman of A Promise to Keep: 5%, a political activist group in support of Question 4.

That is a promise that taxpayers must force the government to keep, says Ford.

"A promise was made that the increase would be temporary. It's time to keep the promise," he says.

The economy has been booming now for years, agrees Chip Faulkner, associate director of the Citizens for Limited Taxation, which is also in support of Question 4. With its surplus of about $1.2 billion, the state government can certainly afford the rollback, and the tax cut would only help relieve taxpayers' burdens and boost the economy, Faulkner says.

Working middle-class families would receive between $250 and $300 total by the time the rollback is fully implemented, Faulkner says, and lower taxes would make Massachusetts more competitive and desirable to new businesses.

Question 4 proposes a tax cut straight across the board, which Faulkner admits results in less money back in the pockets of lower- and middle-class families. However, this tax cut is better than no tax cut, he says.

"Virtually everyone gets a tax cut, and the higher the income the higher the tax cut," he says. "We think that is fair."

But that gain – which would amount to approximately $1.2 billion after the three years – is not worth the sacrifice, argues Jim St. George, executive director of Tax Equity Alliance for Massachusetts (TEAM). Not only would the richest one percent of the population get more money back than the bottom 60 percent combined, but the money would be more wisely used by investing it in education and health care, he says.

"It (amounts to) 50 or 60 cents a day when (the rollback) is fully phased in, that (middle-class families) would save, and we contrast that to the lost opportunities of improving schools and expanding health care," says St. George. "We think there is a better way to use these resources."

While Faulkner says that lower taxes will improve the economy, St. George argues that lowering the tax rate will do the opposite, because the state will lose funds to make tomorrow's work force as competent as it needs to be.

"We need (to make sure) that our workers, who are students, develop the skills to be part of the new economy," St. George says. "Do we want to continue investing in our greatest assets, the people of Massachusetts, or do we want to pull those (assets) back?" he asks.

Taxpayers will not lose out by voting no on Question 4, because there are always new opportunities to cut taxes, St. George says. As of Jan. 1, child-care deductions will be doubled, and two years ago the state doubled personal exemptions, he says. "We're always finding ways to (help) taxpayers. If the economy stays strong and the budget stays healthy, we'll continue down that path."

Andover State Rep. Barry Finegold, a member of the Joint Committee on Taxation who does not support this particular plan for a tax rollback, agrees that a better opportunity to cut taxes is not far away.

The House has another plan in the works that is similar to Question 4, but has a safety catch to it, he says.

"The plan I support is that we would roll back the taxes to five percent only if we continue to have the same type of growth that we have seen these last couple of years," he says. "As long as the economy continues to grow, which so far it has, we can afford it."

A member of the Mass. Taxpayers Foundation, Finegold would like to see this plan take effect for the 2001 tax year, which is noted in the state ballot book.

Finegold disagrees with Question 4, because there are no fall-back positions if the economy takes a plunge.

"If suddenly we go into a deep recession, we'll be rolling back taxes and (state) aid would be cut. There would be no stopping it, like snowballing down the hill." Passing Question 4 would mean towns like Andover would have to consider cutting back on schools and public safety, he says.

Police Log

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Oct. 25 – At 1:51 p.m., John Shaughnessy, 24, of 14 Osgood St., was arrested on a warrant and charged with a second offense of driving after his license was revoked.

At 6:08 p.m., Kevin O'Rourke, 43, of 196W Meadow Road, Lowell, was arrested and charged with a second offense of driving after his license was suspended and making an illegal left turn.

Friday, Oct. 27 – At 2:11 a.m., a 16-year-old juvenile male from Andover was arrested and charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance and receiving stolen property worth more than $250. Also arrested was Gordon Baldacchino, 22, of 10 Marland St., who was charged with driving recklessly as to endanger, speeding, a second offense of larceny of a motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, a second offense of driving after his license was suspended, illega' possession of a Class D substance, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a car) and resisting arrest. Police arrested the two men after they refused to pull over for an officer on Reservation Road and then led the officer on a road chase up and down Rte. 133. The motor vehicle they were driving was stolen out of Lawrence.

Saturday, Oct. 28 – At 12:18 p.m., Thomas Coakley, 40, of 12 Diamond St, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license.

At 6:18 p.m., Vicki Shaw, 30, of 570 So. Union St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor-vehicle violations.

Monday, Oct. 30 – At 10:16 a.m., Jonathan Dubois, 30, of 184 Tenth St., Lowell, was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving a motor vehicle with a suspended license, for driving an uninsured vehicle and for driving after his license plates had been revoked.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – At 2:10 p.m., Mark Batstone, 25, of 394 Beacon St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, driving after his license plates were revoked, driving an uninsured vehicle, driving defective equipment, and improperly displaying his license plates.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 25 – At 10:16 a.m., a worker at California Paints on Dascomb Road was injured by falling girders. A Tewksbury ambulance responded to the scene to treat the man.

At 10:24 a.m., an Andover resident reported that his wife was abusing their child.

At 2:04 p.m., a police officer reported that someone was trespassing at Compaq on Dascomb Road.

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POLICE LOG

Thursday, Oct. 26 – At 2:19 p.m., a Hearthstone Place resident reported that the bus driver who covers Osgood and surrounding streets was possibly intoxicated. A police officer checked all the streets off Osgood for the bus but did not find it.

Friday, Oct. 27 – At 3:33 p.m., a Salem Street resident reported a by-law violation on the street by a resident using his property to sell cars. An officer noted two vehicles parked at the given location and was to look into the situation.

At 9:36 p.m., a couple police cruisers reported to the Greater Lawrence Technical School for multiple fights occuring at the same time. An ambulance also reported to the scene for a student that was injured in a fight.

Saturday, Oct. 28 – At 3:33 p.m., a Carisbrooke Street resident complained "about the amount of leaves that (had) fallen off the trees (that day)," according to the log. She was concerned that they might cause an accident. An officer spoke to the woman and gave her "some comforting advice."

Monday, Oct. 30 – At 2:39 p.m., a Rachel Road resident reported that her cell phone was missing.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Oct. 25 – At 2:33 p.m., an employee at Wild Oats reported that they had a counterfeit $20 bill, but they were unsure when they had received it. An officer retrieved the bill and was to file on the incident.

Friday, Oct. 27 – At 3:11 p.m., an Abbot Street resident reported a case of fraud on the Internet.

At 5:31 p.m., a Shawsheen Road resident reported that her son's cellular phone was either lost or stolen.

Monday, Oct. 30 – At 11:56 a.m., a male came to the police station to report the theft of $375 from his apartment.

At 6:48 p.m., a West Andover Mobil gas station employee reported that a vehicle drove from the station without the driver paying.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Saturday, Oct. 28 – At 9:11 a.m., a male driver reported that another vehicle waved him over to the side of River Road and then tried to run him over when he got out of his car. A responding officer could not find the accused driver and vehicle.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – At 5:50 p.m., a Toyota Camry was reported stolen from the Town Offices parking lot.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 25 – At 6:19 p.m., an accident at the intersection of Rte. 125 and Stinson Road occured when one vehicle cut in front of another. Two people were injured and transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

Friday, Oct. 27 – At 5:12 p.m., a youth on a motorized scooter collided with a motor vehicle on Bellevue Road. An ambulance reported to the scene to treat the victim.

Saturday, Oct. 28 – At 8:48 a.m., a trailer rolled over on Interstate 495 at Rte. 114. State police were notified and no one was injured in the accident.

At 7:30 p.m., an accident on Haverhill Street occured when a driver went through a red light and struck another vehicle. One person was injured.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – At 7:53 a.m., a caller reported that he struck a pedestrian with his car in the Agilent Technologies parking lot on Minuteman Road. The pedestrian was not injured and drove himself home.

At 2:41 p.m., four people were involved in a car accident on Central Street. All four refused treatment and left for Lawrence in a cab.

At 3:27 p.m., an empty school bus collided with a vehicle on Chandler Road. Only one minor injury occured.

At 9:01 p.m., a motor vehicle struck a deer on Ballardvale Road. The driver was not injured.

VANDALISM

Four incidents of vandalism were reported this week.

Threat made against AHS assistant principal

Only a few hours into the school day Tuesday, Andover High School Asst. Principal Marilyn Jordan reported to the police that a female student had verbally threatened her twice.

The student made reference to having a knife in her possession and wanting to kill the assistant principal, said Lt. William MacKenzie.

"(The) student was stopped for doing something, and in the course of the moment became upset and uttered a threat against the assistant principal," said Principal Peter Anderson. Though Anderson believes it was only a remark made in anger, he said, "We take those things seriously, and because of that we automatically notified the police."

The female's locker was searched but no weapons were found.

A complaint was filed against the student for intent to commit a crime, said MacKenzie. Anderson could not comment on any course of discipline the school may take.

— Rebecca Piro

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SHOW FACTS

WHO: Andover High School's drama department.
WHAT: *Once On This Island*, a musical production.
WHEN: Nov. 9-12; 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 9, 10, 11; 2 p.m. on Nov. 12.
WHERE: Collins Center, Andover High School.
TICKETS: $10, advance tickets available at Strawberry Tree, Main Street; call 623-8647; or check <andoverdrama @yahoo.com>.
WORTH NOTING: Free tickets for senior citizens (over 60) on opening night.

By Judy Wakefield

Last year, the annual Andover High School musical production was an American classic.

It was *Oklahoma!*

But this year, the high school drama department has turned away from the classics and instead opted for a lesser known musical that has never been performed by AHS thespians.

The show is *Once On This Island*, written by a Trinidadian novelist. It's a lively retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid*, flavored with some Caribbean spice.

"It's just a magical show, kind of operatic in form... there is not a lot of dialogue and it's underscored with music, mostly," explained Susan Sepich, Andover High's new drama specialist (since September) who is directing the show.

While she's new in the job, Sepich has been around the school department for the past five years. She formerly worked at Bancroft School for two years and also worked at South and West schools.

Last year she directed *Oklahoma!* which included elementary school-age actors with high schoolers, and decided she wanted to do something totally different this year.

"It (*Once On This Island*) came out about 10 years ago and the composers are the people who wrote *Ragtime* and *Suessical the Musical*. They write some great stuff," Sepich said.

All 50-plus high schoolers who showed up for the audition were cast in the show, which features numerous singers, dancers, and actors delivering melody, love, and joy in tropical abundance.

"This is very different as it's a newer musical. It's an ensemble cast on stage for the whole show," Sepich said.

Also turning away from the tide is the timing of the show. Typically, AHS performs its musical in the spring and a play is performed every fall.

However, Sepich rearranged the schedule because one scene from this year's play will be entered in the state's annual drama competition, which is held every spring.

That play will be *The Murders at Argos*, an original play written by David Foley of New York, who is a friend of Sepich's.

That play will familiarize students with the Greek tragedies and Foley is expected to work with students.

Sepich said allowing students the chance to "work on a new play with a real playwright" is exciting.

"It has not been done in this area. I feel it will be a Massachusetts premiere," she said.

Sepich, who is currently working on a master's degree in theatre education at Emerson College, is also excited about *Once On This Island*.

She said the show is a real team effort as parents, cast members, the school's choral director, and a professional choreographer, are working together to make the show as popular as the original.

"I am thrilled to be doing what I am doing... there is not a better group of kids on the planet," she said.

Once On This Island opened in 1990 on Broadway and was followed by a successful national tour and a London production in 1994.

Surrounding Little Ti Moune (center, played by Joana Choe) are lead storytellers Laura Espy and Ruth McGrotty in front, and Eric Giordano and Adam Rodger in back. ▶

◀ ◀ At left, Keiko Yoshida as Ti Moune and Martin Johnson as Daniel.

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Chef David Rossetto of Bistro Cassis.

Taste of Andover is Nov. 8

The Andover Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its annual fall Taste of Andover event.

Scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Andover's Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., the event is an opportunity to sample hors d'oeuvres, menu delicacies, and rich desserts from Andover Country Club, the Lanam Club, Andover Inn, Ramada Rolling Green Hotel, Andover Wyndham Hotel, Raspberries, Bistro Cassis, Sweet Basil, The Blue Cow, Sweet Mimi's, Glory, The Vineyard, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Wild Oats, Indian Ridge Country Club, and Vincenzo's.

Old Town Hall will be adorned with arrangements from local florists for the occasion, and background music will be courtesy of the Gary Michaels Orchestra.

Additional parking in the downtown Andover area will be available at Andover Bank, First Essex Bank, and The Savings Bank.

Many of the downtown Andover businesses will remain open until 8 p.m.

Tickets are $15 each, available by contacting the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 686-0900; Frank Vacirca at 686-0194; or Ron Hill at 475-9212.

Proceeds will benefit the Andover Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund.

A weekend for theater performances

Andover Community Theatre will present a night of one acts written by a local playwright to be performed this weekend at Cushing Hall, Merrimack College. The presentation is called "A Fine Night for Laughing," and the author is Robert Lawlor Mattson of Westboro.

There will be serveral short pieces performed and a staged reading of one show. The highlighted piece is "God... It's a Tough Job," which will feature Andover resident Ben Pascucci as "God." Other Andover residents performing include Michael Levy, Jane Vondell, Eileen Parsons, and Alice Pascucci.

Other performers include Mark Bailey, Alison Colby, Mark Hurley, Art Moores, Anita Kelly, John Kelly and directors are Pam LeMieux and Alice Pascucci.

The show will be performed Nov. 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10. For reservations, call Pam Smith, 474-4342.

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North Shore Players production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* will be performed on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4, at 8 p.m. at the Hogan Regional Auditorium in Danvers (across from the State Police Barracks on Route 62).

Tickets are $8; they can be purchased at the door. Contact Kathleen Dalton at 470-4974.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

Learn to play piano workshop, with Frank Dunne, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Andover High School, 623-8274.

Preschool fair, 6:30-9 p.m., hosted by the Mother Connection, First Calvary Baptist Church, 386 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, 470-1500.

Floral demonstration with Steve Janavicus of Flowers by Steve, 6:30 p.m., registration required, no tickets at the door. Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road, Stephanie Connor 681-8796.

Frank Dunne

Andover Community Trust Board of Directors meeting, discussing creating affordable housing in wealthy communities, 7:30 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.

Workshop, "Getting Started: Collections Management Policies for Historical Records, hosted by the Essex National Heritage Commission, 7-9 p.m., $10, Peabody Institute Library, Sylvan Street, Danvers; (978) 740-0444.

Meet Dr. Sean Kenniff of the TV show *Survivor*, noon, free, Middlesex Community College, Bedford campus; (781) 280-3511.

Artist demonstration with Tom Gill, 7 p.m., $4, free for members, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 452-7641.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Scholastic book fair, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., South School; Bill Pennington 475-5671.

Variety show, with Sip and Do-Dah, 2 p.m., $1, Bentley Library Conference Area, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill; (978) 556-3688.

45's card players fundraiser, 7 p.m., benefits Ruth's House, a thrift store, Haverhill Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill; (978) 521-5575.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

A Fine Night for Laughing, a night of one acts presented by Andover Community Theatre, featuring local residents Ben Pascucci, Michael Levy, Jane Vondell, Eileen Parsons, and Alice Pascucci, 8 p.m., $10, Cushing Hall, Merrimack College, North Andover; Pam Smith 474-4342.

The Importance of Being Ernest, by the Top Notch Players including stage manager Rebekah Simpson of Andover, 8 p.m., $5, Top Notch Theater, Spurk Building, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill; Susan Sanders (978) 556-3374.

Arsenic and Old Lace, by the North Shore Players, 8 p.m., $8, Hogan Regional Auditorium, Danvers; Kathleen Dalton 470-4974.

Challenges in Rethinking the Underground Railroad with the honorable Bryon Rushing, presented by the Andover Historical Society, 7 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 475-2236.

Concert, Phillips Academy Concert Band, 7:30 p.m., Tang Theatre, Phillips Academy; 749-4995.

Concert, Ned Rorem's String Symphony with the New England String Ensemble, 8 p.m., $25, $20 seniors, students, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; (781) 224-1117.

Folk Pops concert, with Anne Farmer and Jody Meyer, 7:30 p.m., $10, St. John's Preparatory School, corner of Spring and Summer streets, Danvers; Michael Hammill (978)

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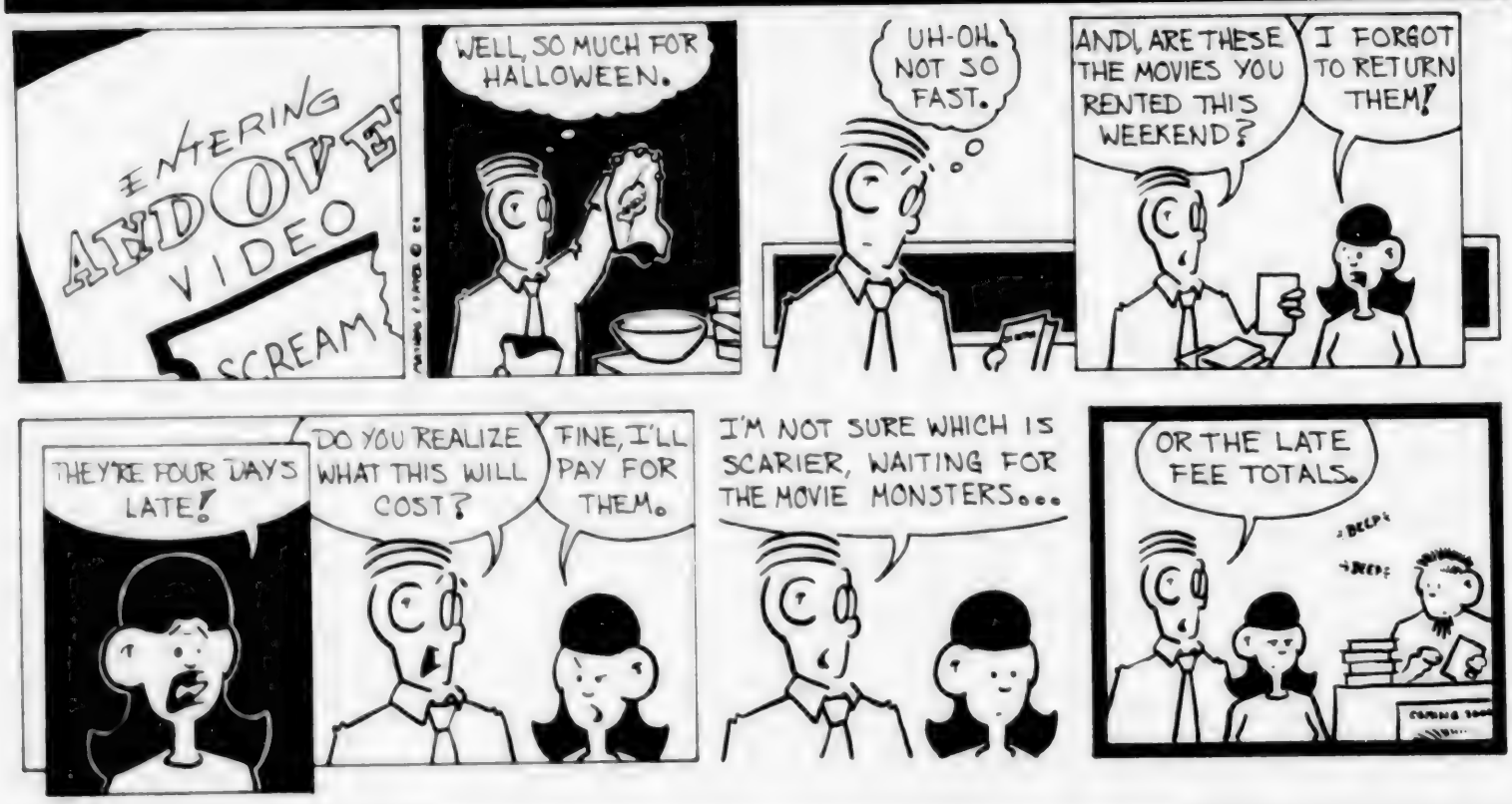

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Harvest Bazaar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., free, Aldersgate UMC, 235 Park St., North Reading; 664-2951.

Live comedy, DJ Hazard, Greg Boggis, Chris Fucile, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Nonna's Comedy Cruise to Nowhere, 7 p.m., Greg Carey, Nicole Pappas, 9 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Scholastic book fair, *see Nov. 1 entry.*

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

A Fine Night for Laughing, *see Nov. 3 entry.*

The Importance of Being Ernest, *see Nov. 3 entry.*

Arsenic and Old Lace, *see Nov. 3 entry.*

Ball, hosted by the Andona Society, 7 p.m., $65 or $125 couple, Stevens Estate at Osgood Hill, North Andover; Martha Hyslip 688-9942.

Holiday bazaar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; 623-8321.

Ham and bean supper, 5:30 p.m., $5, $3 children under 12, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; 623-8321.

▲ **Celebrating El Dia de los Muertos,** 6-8 p.m., $15 advance, $20 door, benefits the museum's education program, Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaelogy at Phillips Academy; 749-4490.

Ham and bean supper, sponsored by Boy Scout troop 15, 4:30-6:30 p.m., $5, $3.50 ages 4-10, First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Mass. Ave., North Andover; 687-9678.

Woodworking workshop, 1 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Craft fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 683-7911.

▲ **Music,** White Lightnin' featuring Tony Gallo (but no tuxes), Palmer's Restaurant and Tavern, Elm Street; Tony (781) 599-2307 or 470-1606.

Conference on medical waste and other environmental concerns, hosted by the Lawrence Environmental Justice Council, 9:30 a.m., Lawrence Heritage State Park, Lawrence; Tamara Trejo 688-3569.

Opening reception, for Elizabeth Wadleigh Leary and Elizabeth Mauser Leary, 4-6 p.m., the Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport; (978) 462-9891.

Live comedy, DJ Hazard, Greg Boggis, Chris Fucile, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Greg Carey, Nicole Pappas, 9 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free, Holy Angels Parish Center and Church Hall, 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow, N.H.; (603) 362-4085.

Village of Church Fairs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., featuring seven church fairs within walking distance to each other, Amesbury; (978) 388-0683.

Walk in the Acre, explore Lowell's immigrant community, 2:30-4 p.m., meet at the Lawrence Street gate, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Yuletide antique show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., $2.75, Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-7226.

Fair, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., $10, $4 ages 5-11, United Presbyterian Church, 96 E. Haverhill St., Lawrence; 682-8176.

Broadway on Parade, 7:30 p.m., $12, $6 under 12, St. Joseph Auditorium, 40 Main St., Salem, N.H.; (603) 898-9358.

Women artists lecture, featuring children's author Leslie Sills, 2 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 623-8400.

Nordic Fest, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free, Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rte. One, Topsfield.

Friends of Alice Neel Film Series, 6:30 p.m. Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy; BJ Larson 749-4027.

Craft, church fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., West Parish Church, Reservation Road; Jan Litchfield 470-2609.

Children's haunted playground, (rescheduled from Oct. 28) 5:30-9:30 p.m., with costume contest at 6 p.m., $2 for kids ages 12 and under, $3 for those ages 13 to adult, tours start at 6:30 p.m. and are appropriate for ages 3 to 10, 4:30 to 8 p.m., Clarke Park, Burroughs Road (across from Star Market Plaza) on Route 28, North Reading; Lida Jenney 664-0625.

Hike, Mt. Wachusett, Princeton, meet at visitor center at 10 a.m., sponsored by the Andover chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club; Joe Pirrello 521-0382 or <joehiker@yahoo.com>.

Philosophy symposia, "Philosophy for Kids," for ages 7 to 13, 10 a.m., Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill campus; Elaine Mawhinney (978) 556-3862.

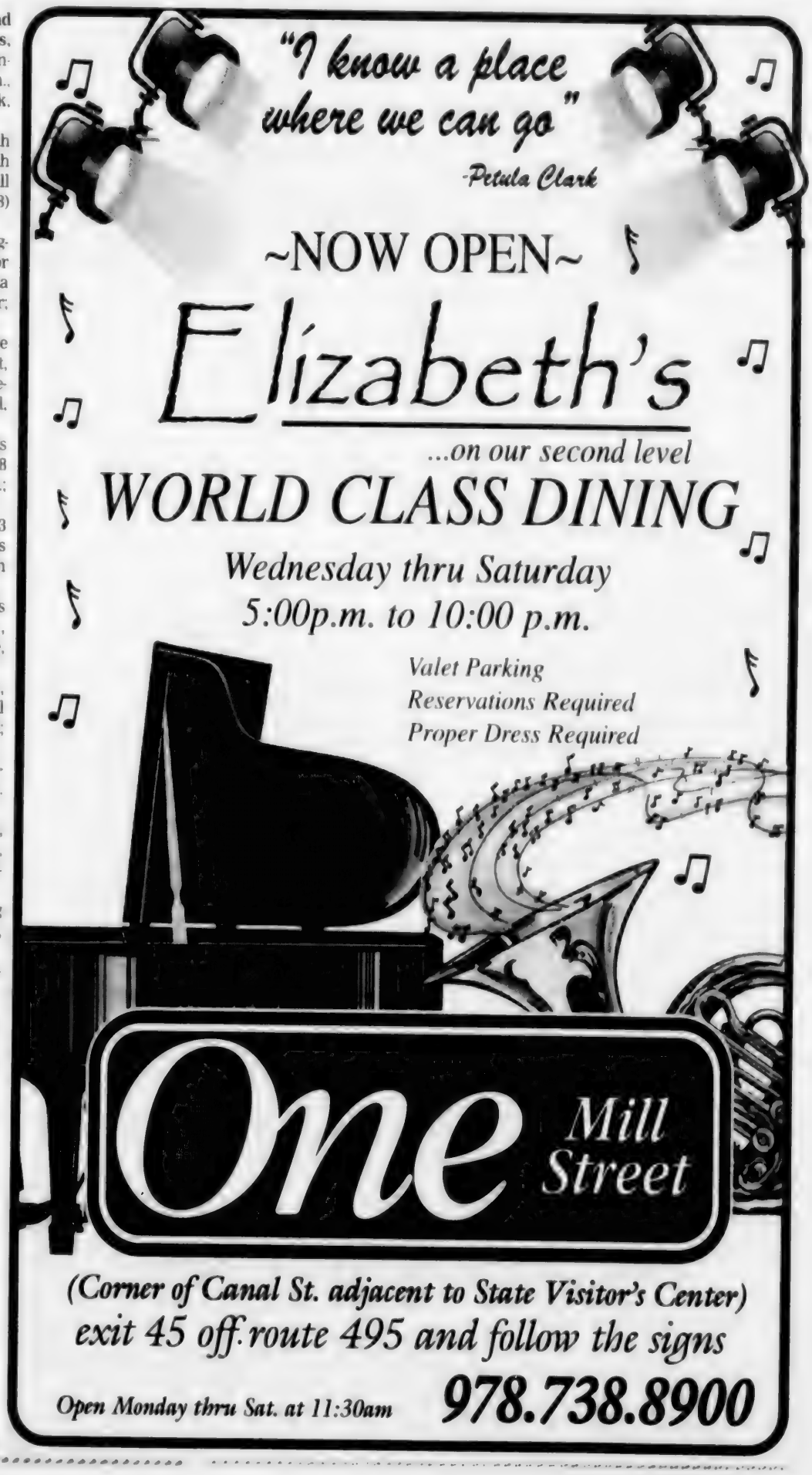
Folk concert, 8 p.m., $10 advance, $12 door, Ivy Chord Coffee House, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading; (781) 944-0494.

Concert, The Master Singers, 8 p.m., $16, Follen Church, 774 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington; (781) 862-6459.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

Concert, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Society, 2:30 p.m., $8, $3 children, Rogers Center for the Performing Arts, Merrimack College; 685-3505.

Sandra Shaker Memorial Road Race and walkathon, 10 a.m.,



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Phillips Academy Field House, proceeds benefit the Cancer Management Center at Holy Family Hospital; Charlie Heseltine 475-4672.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Panel discussion led by exhibition curator Ann Temkin of the Philadelphia Museum of Art with artists Anne Harris and Laura Chasman, 2 p.m., free, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 749-4027.

▲ **Concert**, featuring Inca Son, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 623-8400.

Opening reception, for Deirdre McCullough Grunwald, 2-4 p.m., Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

Family show, with masked marvels and wondertales that dazzle, 2 p.m., $9, for ages 5 and up, UMass, Durgin

Michael Cooper is part of a family show "with masked marvels and wondertales that dazzle," for ages 5 and older, Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. The show is at Durgin Hall, UMass, Lowell, 35 Wilder St., Lowell. Tickets are $9. Call (978) 934-4444.

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Hall, 35 Wilder St., Lowell; (978) 934-4444.

Concert, adult and youth choirs of St. John's in Gloucester, 4 p.m., freewill offering, St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Middle St., Gloucester; (978) 283-1708.

Orienteering meet, Harold Rafton Reservation, 10 a.m., $6; John Mitchell 685-3709.

MONDAY, NOV. 6

Andover High Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting, 7:30 p.m., featuring the program advisers for English and social studies, High School media center, Shawsheen Road; 475-7985 or 470-0047.

Hay Scales holiday open house, 2-7 p.m., $3, Hay Scales Exchange, 2 Johnson St., North Andover; 683-3691.

Healing service, 7:30 p.m. St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St.; 475-0050.

Aaron Feuerstein joins roundtable discussion of business ethics, 1 p.m., free, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill campus; (978) 556-3862.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

Singles dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, $5, proper dress required, Angelica's restaurant, Rte. 114, Middleton; (781) 283-5900.

Jazz, the Ken Cervenka Quintet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., $5, Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

Taste of Andover, 6-8 p.m., $15, sponsored by the Andover Chamber of Commerce, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce 686-0900; Frank Vacirca 686-0194; or Ron Hill 475-9212.

Essex Country History, hands-on history box and potluck luncheon, sponsored by the Andover Historical Society, $4 non-members, noon; 475-2236.

Slide competition night, the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643.

Concert, Cantemus Chamber Chorus, a joint concert of select high school choirs from seven schools, 7:30 p.m., $5, free under 18, Hamilton-Wenham High School, 775 Bay Road, Hamilton; (888) CHORUS-1 or <www.cantemus.org>.

Open house, Brookwood School, 8:45-10 a.m., Beverly; (978) 526-4500.

Women's health seminar, 6-7 p.m., free, sponsored by Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network, Wyndham Andover Hotel; (603) 893-2900, Ext. 476, <mcassid@northeastrehab.com>.

Men's prostate cancer screening, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Holy Family Hospital, East Street, Methuen; appointments required, Ron L'Heureux 687-0156, Ext. 2021.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

Once On This Island, by Andover High School's drama department, 7:30 p.m., $10, Collins Center, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road; 623-8647, <andoverdrama@yahoo.com>.

The Importance of Being Ernest, see Nov. 3 entry.

Artist gallery talk, with Deirdre McCullough Grunwald, noon, Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

Alzheimer's discussion, 2-4 p.m., $25, for persons with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, Heritage at North Andover, North Andover; registration is required; Joanne Chaulk (978) 486-0590.

Exhibit opening, "Paintings by Monique Sakellarios," 5-7 p.m., free, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 452-7641.

Wine tasting dinner with chef Nick Stellino, 6 p.m., $55, benefits the Greater Lawrence Italian Women's Club's scholarship fund, Sheraton Ferncroft Resort, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers; 682-7453.

Talk on dreams with Bill Kolbe, Andover High School teacher, 2 p.m., $1, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill campus; May DiPietro (978) 556-3688.

Homebased Businesswomen's Network meeting, 7 p.m., $10, Village Green Restaurant, Route 1, Danvers; Terri (781) 558-1367.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Randy Peffer

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

◀ **Reading,** author Randy Peffer, *Logs of the Dead Pirates Society,* 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; 800 491-0143.

Once On This Island, see Nov. 9 entry.

The Importance of Being Ernest, see Nov. 3 entry.

Arsenic and Old Lace, see Nov. 3 entry.

Live comedy, Marci Coyote Rose, John Keating, Kyria Abrahams, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Al Ducharme, 9 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Turkey raffle, over 50 turkeys being raffled, 7 p.m., free admission, Sacred Heart Parish, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; 686-5712.

Chamber music concert, 7 p.m., Graves Hall; Phillips Academy; 749-4996.

***Forever Broadway* opens,** $29.95, at Giordano's Dinner Theatre, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

Once On This Island, see Nov. 9 entry.

The Importance of Being Ernest, see Nov. 3 entry.

Arsenic and Old Lace, see Nov. 3 entry.

Live comedy, Marci Coyote Rose, John Keating, Kyria Abrahams, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Open studio, pottery sale, noon-5 p.m., Purple Sage Pottery, 3 Mechanic St., Merrimac; (978) 346-9978.

Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's Comedy wedding, 7p.m., Al Ducharme, 8, 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover;

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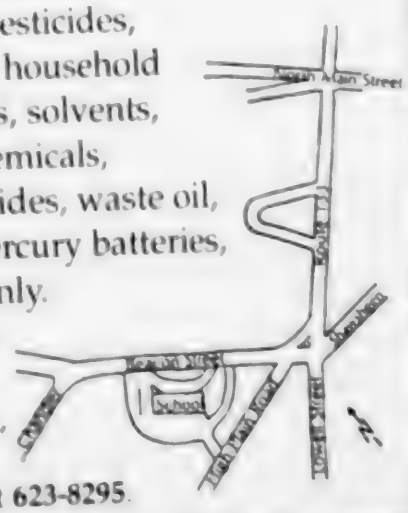

For more information, call the Andover Health Department at 623-8295.

EVENTS CALENDAR LISTINGS

(888) 865-2844.

International guitar night, 8 p.m., $17 advance, $20 door, Rogers Center for the Performing Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5355.

Applecrest Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School; 851-4591.

Walk, the Lowell Cemetery, 2:30-4 p.m., meet at the Lawrence Street gate, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Opening reception, new works of landscapes and still lifes by Elizabeth Wadleigh Leary and Elizabeth Mauser Leary, Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport, (978) 462-9891.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12

***Once On This Island*, 2 p.m.**, *see Nov. 9 entry*

***Arsenic and Old Lace*, 2 p.m.**, *see Nov. 3 entry*.

Hike, 1:30 p.m., sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, meet at Harold Parker State Forest, North Andover; Art Olsen 374-0751.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Open studio and pottery sale, *see Nov. 11 entry*.

▲ **Feminist lecture**, with Mary Daly, 7:30 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; Susan Foster 470-1134.

Slide lecture with Miriam Butts focusing on the craftsmen of Anne Bradstreet's time, 3 p.m., free, Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; 688-9505.

Appraisal, heirloom discover day, 1-5 p.m., Knights of Columbus Council, 10 Brook St.; 475-2747.

Concert, Festival of Keyboards, 3 p.m., $15, $10 students, Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 River Road, Topsfield; (978) 887-5570.

Holiday bazaar, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., free, Shriners Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington.

ONGOING

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools; library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; $4 adults, $2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th-to the 20th century, library and archive, $3 adults, $1 children, $2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., $5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, *Second Impressions: Quilters Celebrate Cocheco Fabrics*, through December, ongoing *Textiles in America* exhibition, special exhibitions and events, function rooms, catering, museum store and Seasoned Chef Gazebo Cafe; hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission $5 for adults, $3 for seniors, students and groups, free for members and children under 6, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400 or <www.athm.org>.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, $5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, free, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John, Lowell.

Castle Hill, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich; (978) 356-4351.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 794-1655.

Custom House Maritime Museum, *Seeking Justice: 300 Years of People on the Newburyport Waterfront*, *Along the Shore*, *The Urban Seaport in the*

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Living

Making the grade: Daughter trains in her mother's memory

By Adam Groff

Tara Bachner is training for the 2001 Boston Marathon. "The hardest thing is getting out of bed in the morning," she says.

That's not a surprise, because she trains for two hours a day, six days a week, while working her full-time job as a conference coordinator at ClickZ, an online Internet trade publication in North Andover. The weather is getting colder, and each day it gets light later and dark earlier.

She passed a training landmark on Oct. 22, when she ran the Baystate Half Marathon in Lowell, and she is showing no signs of letting up. Although she has no particular history as a runner, she made the decision to run the marathon this past July.

What is driving Bachner toward plowing through these 26 hard miles?

It is the memory of her mother, Candy Bachner, a well-loved Andover kindergarten teacher, who died from ovarian cancer in January 1999 at age 52. Now Tara Bachner is going to run the Boston Marathon as a member of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute team.

"Cancer is not right or fair. There's no reason why I shouldn't have my mother at age 27," says Bachner, now 29. During the last six months of her mother's illness, Bachner quit work to care for her.

She is now fully committed to the Dana-Farber cause, and she has been very impressed with their Boston Marathon fundraising program. "It's very intimate," she says.

Photo by Tim Jean

Woman on a mission — Tara Bachner will run the Boston Marathon as a member of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute team.

Becoming a member of their marathon team was no cakewalk, however. Bachner likens the application process to applying for college, complete with personal essays and pages of forms to fill out.

She says Dana-Farber typically is allotted 300 numbers, or places, in the Boston Marathon, and 200 of those are reserved for veteran marathon runners, leaving only 100 numbers for newcomers. Bachner says that although she sent in her application packet just past the deadline, the person who notified her of her acceptance said that she was accepted because her essay about her mother was so compelling. One line of the essay reads: "To this day, people say, 'You're Candy Bachner's daughter! She was the most amazing person I ever knew.' And she was."

Others in Andover will readily remember Candy Bachner. Her funeral last year was attended by nearly 600 well-wishers, including former students and their parents. She taught for 30 years, at one time running her own preschool in North Andover, and spent her last eight years as a kindergarten teacher at Sanborn Elementary. She was known for her energy, creativity, and devotion to her students. Her classroom thronged with plants and animals, and also foods she cooked as part of class lessons. Parents were eager to volunteer for her, until she had to stop teaching in June, 1998.

Tara Bachner now wants to do something to help save others from having to suffer that type of untimely loss.

Her marathon effort started out innocuously, however. Bachner had put herself on a fitness training program earlier this year, and to reach the fitness goals she had set for herself, she found that she was having to increase her cardiovascular workout, which meant more and more time on the treadmill. At the same time, she was looking for something to do in her mother's memory.

"I wanted to do something for my mother, and I just found my way to it through running," she says.

The Dana-Farber program was a perfect match for Bachner. "I wanted to do two things," she says, "raise money for a subject I'm passionate about, and meet other people in similar circumstances to mine." Once she was accepted as a member of the Dana-Farber team, she found herself part of a close-knit group that has only fed her already high level of motivation and inspiration.

"The bonds are unbelievable," she says of the group, which holds periodic meetings as well as weekly group runs.

Bachner was very impressed with the fact that in last year's Boston Marathon the Dana-Farber team raised $2.2 million. She says that all of the money goes directly to the group's cancer-research efforts. In fact, she says, three of the scientists from the cancer institute are themselves running on the team.

The average Dana-Farber team member raises $5,000. Bachner's goal is to raise $10,000. Fundraising activities

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BIRTHS

ADLY – A son, David Bahram Adly, to Bahram and Marina (Penta) Adly of Andover on July 18 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. Grandparents are Edward and Lina Penta of Melrose and Rahmat and Parry Adly of Concord, Calif. David joins Sylvana, 7, and Tina, 5.

BREZINSKI – A son, Carter Arryn Brezinski, to Arryn and Nicole Brezinski of Burnham Road, on Oct. 2. Grandparents are Vincent and Maureen Olivero of Melrose, Joseph Brezinski of Taunton, and Maryanne Santos of Plymouth.

BURKE – A daughter, Aliceia Jean-Geri Burke, to Matthew and Jennifer (Rogers) Burke of Andover, on Oct. 9 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. Grandparents are James and Geraldine Rogers of Seabrook, N.H. and the late Richard and Audrey Burke. Aliceia joins Matthew.

deMOOR – A son, Eric Angel deMoor, to Giovanna (Romero) and Jan deMoor III of Ravens Bluff, on Sept. 26 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Jan and Ruth deMoor of Stoneham and Conchita Romero and the late Dr. Angel Romero of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.

D'URSO – A son, Aidan Matthew D'Urso, to Johnna (Beal) and Sean D'Urso of Southridge Circle on Oct. 7 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. John Beal and Stephen and Kay D'Urso, all of Andover. Aidan joins Taylor Jordan, 22 months.

GAFFNEY – A daughter, Maeve Kathryn Gaffney, to Karen (Flynn) and Kevin Gaffney of Andover on Oct. 19 at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Mass. Grandparents are John and Kathryn Flynn of Concord and Ned and MaryEllen Gaffney of Florham Park, N.J.

GRUENBERG – A son, Joshua David Gruenberg, to Elizabeth (Howe) and Stephen Paul Greunberg of Walnut Avenue on Oct. 2 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Clifford and Jane Howe of North Hampton, N.H. Great-grandparents are Douglas and Marie Howe and Marietta Doig, all of Andover.

KOONTZ-JOHNSON – A daughter, Abigail Leigh Johnson, to Elizabeth Koontz and Shepard Johnson of Andover on Sept. 14 at Beth Israel Hospital. Grandparents are Walter and Jane Koontz of Newburyport and Henrietta and Haynes Johnson of Roxbury, Conn.

HAHESY – A daughter, Emma Nicole Hahesy, to Paul Francis and Andrea (Georgian) Hahesy of Brunswick, Maine, on Sept. 4. Grandparents are Colleen and Ted Georgian of Andover and Geralyn and Paul Hahesy Sr. of Duxbury. Great-grandparents are Tarr and Andy Bosen of Portsmouth, N.H. and Edwina and Al Cassidy of Revere.

IDZIK – A son, Benjamin Meyer Idzik, to Chris and Elizabeth (Meyer) Idzik of Andover on July 20 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. Grandparents are Ed and Vicki Meyer of Evanston, Ill., Daniel Idzik of Longboat, Fla., and Ann Idzik of Palo Alto, Calif.

SLAYTON – A daughter, Victoria Cecelia Slayton, to Robert and Lisa (Aiello) Slayton of 15 Stouffer Circle, on Sept. 17 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Lawrence and Patricia Aiello of Andover, Ron Slayton of North Andover, and Eileen Slayton of Cambridge. Great-grandparents are Salvatore Panarello of Revere, Eleanor Alongi of Ft. Myers, Fla., George and Frances Slayton of Wappinger Falls, N.Y., and David and Anna Crichton of Millbrook, N.Y.

SWARTS – A son, Connor James Swarts, to Timothy and Deborah (Lasota) Swarts of Topsfield on Oct. 1, at the Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Walter and Lucille Lasota of Andover and Daniel and Sally Swarts of South Carolina. Great-grandmothers are Mary D'Amato of Dedham and Helen Lasota of Chelsea. Connor joins Justin, 6, and Brandon, 4.

WILKIN – A son, Thomas Edward Wilkin, to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Wilkin of Andover, on Sept. 19 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. R.W. Cornell of West Hartford, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Wilkin of Michigan City, Ind.

WILSON – A son, Matthew Theodore Wilson, to Lisa (Boudreau) and Craig Wilson of North Andover on Aug. 23 at Anna Jaques Hospital. Grandparents are Betty Boudreau of Andover and the late Theodore Boudreau, and Ken and Karen Wilson, also of Andover. Matthew joins Amanda.

WURTS – A son, Andrew James Wurts, to Judy and J. Michael Wurts of Andover, on Oct. 4 at Beverly Hospital. Granpdarents are Bud and Lois Specht of Kissimmee, Fla. and Sue DeWine of Kettering, Ohio. Andrew joins John and Meghan.

OBITUARIES

Brian P. O'Dell

Portfolio manager and investment counselor

Brian P. O'Dell, 35, who grew up in Andover and was a resident of Stow, died peacefully Saturday, Oct. 28 after a two-year battle his family described as courageous.

Brian P. O'Dell

He was a portfolio manager and investment counselor with State Street Research & Management Co. of Boston. He graduated from Governor Dummer Academy, where he was co-captain of the both the varsity football and wrestling teams.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from Brown University and a master's degree in applied economics from the University of Michigan. O'Dell was a chartered financial analyst and specialized in providing investment counseling to professional athletes.

Members of his family include his wife, Rachel O'Dell; two sons, Ethan and Zackary O'Dell, all of Stow; his parents, Edward and Kerstin O'Dell of Andover; a brother, Thomas O'Dell of Sweden; and a sister, Dr. Christine Harrington of Newton.

Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, c/o the Brian P. O'Dell Memorial Research Fund, 495 Old Connecticut Path, Suite 220, Framingham, MA 01701.

Cornelia G. Meeker

Formerly of Andover

Cornelia G. (Gale) Meeker, 86, of Bedford, N.H. and formerly of Andover, died Sunday, Oct. 29 at Ridgewood Center in Bedford, N.H.

She was born in Proctor, Vt.

She was the widow of Maurice S. Meeker.

Members of her family include two sons, Ted Meeker and his wife, Dee, of Rockport, and Charlie Meeker and his wife Janet, of Bedford, N.H.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held by the family. Cremation will take place at Linwood Crematory.

Arrangements were by the Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

Helen Roberts

Was a stitcher, receptionist

Helen (Babish) Roberts, 90, a resident of Wingate at Andover, formerly of the Old Center of North Andover for more than 50 years, died Wednesday, Oct. 25 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Roberts was a stitcher for William Barry's Coat Co. in Lawrence, and was a receptionist for Dr. Atkinson in North Andover.

Born in Lawrence, she attended Lawrence and Methuen schools. She attended St. Michael Church in North Andover and made rosaries for Missions.

Members of her family include her brother, Walter Babish of California; a son and daughter-in-law, Norman J. and Anita Roberts of Lawrence and St. Petersburg, Fla.; two daughters, Joan M. Roberts of North Andover, and Norma and her husband, Donald Hurrell of Lawrence; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 35 Merrimack St., North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael's Parish, 196 Main St., North Andover, MA 01845.

Eleanor Morin Tucker

Was affiliated with Abbot Academy for 33 years

Eleanor Morin Tucker, 87, of Essex, died Friday, Oct. 27 at home.

She was born in Ilion, N.Y. and graduated from Ilion High School. She earned a bachelor degree in chemistry from Smith College where she also received her master's degree in 1936. She later did graduate work at Columbia Teacher's College and Oxford University.

She was affiliated with Abbot Academy in Andover for 33 years. She joined the faculty as a chemistry and algebra teacher in 1936 and served as director of studies from 1956 to 1969. She was acting principal from 1966 to 1968.

She continued to teach chemistry until 1969, when following Abbot's merger with Phillips Academy, she left to become director of studies and headmistress at Winchester-Thurston in Pittsburgh, Penn.

She served as a camp counselor in Maine, New Jersey and Massachusetts for 15 years, and as dean of women at the Phillips Academy summer schools for three years. Her summers were spent in travel and study.

She was active in numerous professional education societies, as well as providing service to civic groups and her church. Upon her retirement, she moved to Essex and became involved with local organizations.

She served as a model to her friends and relations, gaining the admiration of those who knew her by her unflagging courage and consideration for others during a 15-year siege of debilitating illness.

Members of her family include her sister, Elizabeth (Tucker) Dise and her husband, William; a niece, Eleanor Ucasz and her husband John, all of Middleville, N.Y.; two nephews, John Dise and his wife Sue of Andover, and William Dise of California; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home of Ipswich.

Sydney I. Rosenberg

Owned N.H. lobster pound

Sydney I. Rosenberg, 81, of Andover, died Monday, Oct. 30 at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston.

Mr. Rosenberg founded Shyer's Lobster Pound Inc. in Salem, N.H. in 1953 and remained active in the business until his illness.

He was born and educated in Lawrence and graduated from Lawrence High School in 1936. He also attended the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Boston University.

During World War II, he served in the Navy.

Mr. Rosenberg recently received the Act of Kindness Award from Chabad Lubavitch of Andover for his support to the community through the years. He was a member of Temple Emanuel of Andover, John Hancock Lodege of Masons, and the Scottish Rites.

Members of his family include his wife, Dorothy (Valentineo) Rosenberg; a son, Neil Rosenberg of North Andover; a daughter, Dana Rosenberg of Pacific Palisade, Calif.; a brother, Jason Rosenberg of Amesbury; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services are tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. Burial will follow in

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Deaths Elsewhere

KLIMANSKY – Salvatnce "Teresa" (Branca) Klimansky, 76, of Salem, N.H., died Sunday, Oct. 29 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Brighton.

Members of her family include nephew, Robert Branca of Andover.

LERMOND – Carol A. (Waldie) (Wojtkun) Lermond, 60, of Dracut, died Monday, Oct. 30 at Lowell General Hospital.

Members of her family include her sister, Susan Waldie and her brother, Robert Waldie, both of Andover.

PRESTOSZ – Richard A. Prestosz, 49, of Danville, N.H., died Friday, Oct. 27 at Lawrence General Hospital.

He worked at Gillette Co. in Andover for 31 years, and was also a musician who played in several area bands.

SLATER – Karen Lee Slater, 45, of Derry, N.H. died Oct. 29 at home.

Ms. Slater worked for Raytheon Co. in Andover, in quality control.

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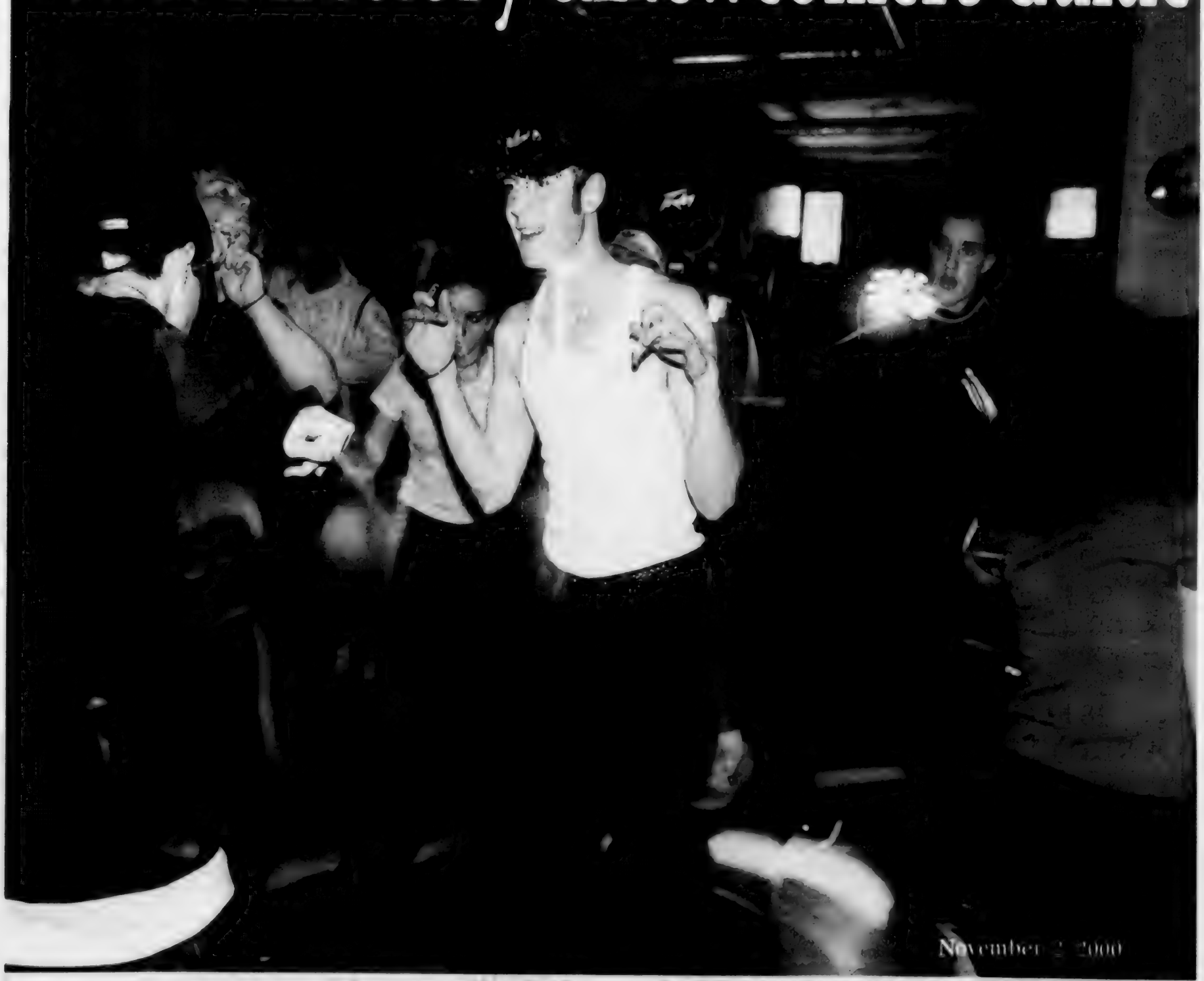

November 2, 2000

Andover: A growing town

Population gains and some budget pains

By Neil Fater

More than [illegible] years after its incorporation, Andover is not just still going strong, it's still *growing* strong.

Andover's overall population, student population, and town government rolls have been swelling for years, inflating, in turn, both the housing market and the annual budget for the town.

The median sale price of a single-family Andover home is more than [illegible], and most new homes are hitting the market at closer to [illegible].

Andover now has about [illegible] people living within its [illegible] square miles, and thousands more who travel along Interstates [illegible] or [illegible] to work in town during the day.

All that growth has caused a building boom for town government.

Having just completed a renovation and expansion project that improved three existing schools, Andover is already starting to build two new schools — an elementary and a middle school — in West Andover.

A safety center twice the size of the current facility used by police and fire officials is also underway on North Main Street.

Several other significant projects are coming down the pipe.

Town Meeting 1999 approved the largest expansion of the town's sewer system in Andover history, and it will be completed in five stages. Officials are still working out the details of the plan, and have said they may have to take some land by eminent domain as a last resort, if agreements can not be reached.

A more than $2 million project to improve Main Street is also being planned, though the state will pick up most of that cost.

But all these projects have had significant effects on the wallets of residents, some of whom say the town cannot afford to keep building and expanding services and programs.

In part because of this sentiment, two private groups have formed separately to build facilities for the town.

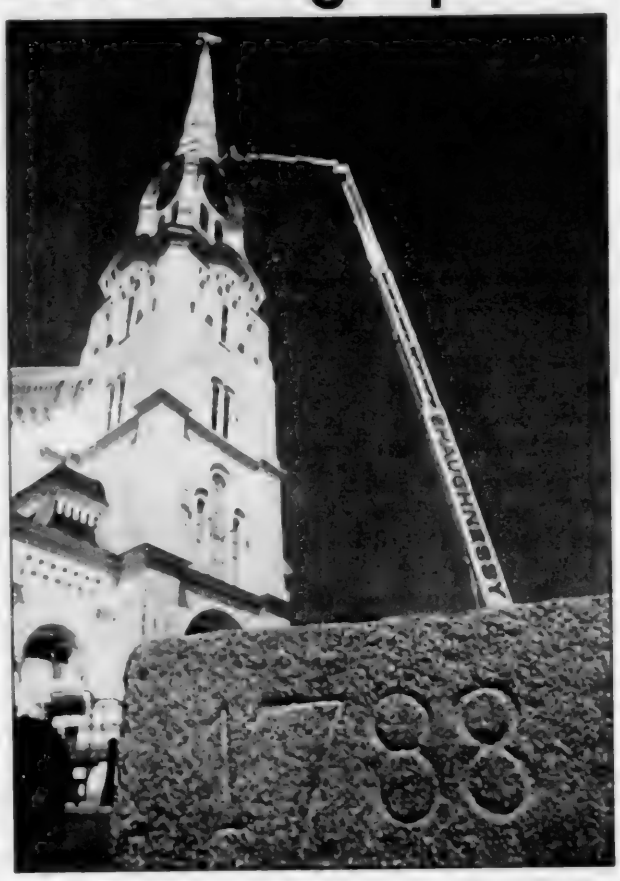

Photo by Tim Jean

Old town, new projects — While the workers above were simply renovating the steeple of South Church earlier this fall, congregations are adding to their facilities because of increased attendance.

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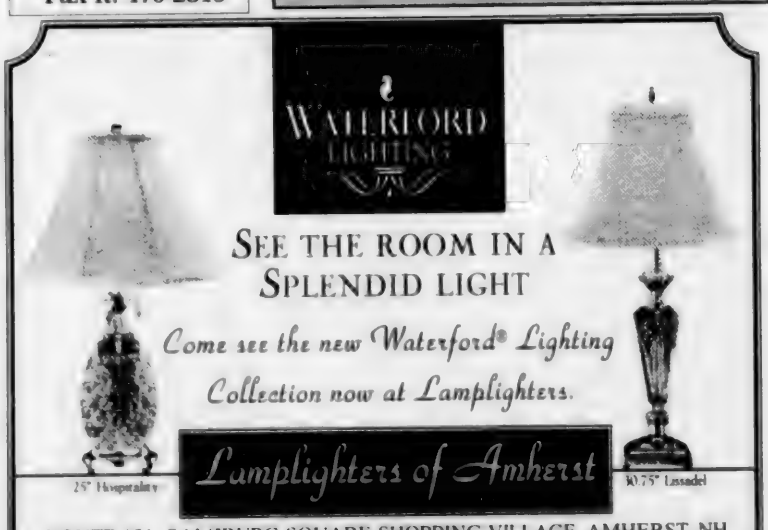
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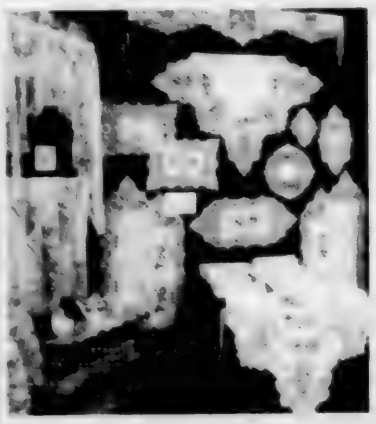

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Growing community

The Friends of Andover Seniors is looking to raise money to turn a dormitory at a private school, Phillips Academy, into a new senior center.

The Andover Youth Foundation has created a plan to raise funds and build a youth center on town-owned land near the West Andover fire station.

At Special Town Meeting Nov. 14 and 15, the Andover Youth Foundation will ask the town to give it this land. When the youth center is completed, the foundation says it would give the center and the land to the town.

But new facilities must be maintained, and some residents, including Finance Committee members, say the town must be careful about adding annual expenses to its operating budget.

While the town budget in 1899 was listed as $100,000, Andover's annual budget next year is expected to top $100 million.

Many people who grew up in Andover say they can not afford to buy a house here today, and there are many seniors who say they can't afford the rising taxes either.

Andover has created a group, the Andover Housing Partnership Committee, to look into how the town can encourage the building of more affordable housing, to provide more opportunities for those who have lived their lives in Andover and want to remain in town.

A private group, called Andover Community Trust, is also in the process of building what it calls its first permanently affordable home, on Haverhill Street. ACT says it hopes to build more homes.

Of course, there's a lot more to Andover than taxes and projects. The following pages of the Town Directory & Newcomers Guide are meant to give readers a hint about some of the events, programs and people that make Andover a community.

Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

It's a dirty job — Town officials gathered for a photo op, prior to a ground-breaking ceremony last month for the town's new $12.9 million safety center. The job is one of several expansion projects proposed or already started in town.

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DCS: Offering everything from casino hopping to hockey puck dropping

By Eric M. Danis

Have you ever felt inadequate because you thought your dog needed a massage, but you didn't know how to properly administer one? Lucky for local dog owners, Andover's Department of Community Services is currently offering a class in pet massage.

But, that's just one of the many classes, trips and athletic opportunities offered by DCS.

Trips to Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Resort Casino will soon be available, as well as a trip to Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Just a few of the many interesting classes soon to begin include Indian Vegetarian Appetizers, Christmas Crafts and Fun on the Internet Ages 12 and Up.

Children and adults craving athletic recreation have their choice of several DCS options, such as archery, floor hockey, soccer and basketball.

According to the town of Andover's Web site, "The mission of Community Services is to provide the residents of Andover a myriad of social, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities, embracing diversity and accessibility for all." Mary Donohue, DCS director, is more succinct when asked to define the goal of the department.

"I think (the goal) is basically to connect with as many people as possible in town. We view ourselves as the glue in trying to connect people with other people," says Donohue.

The wide diversity of DCS offerings has been a key ingredient in attracting a large segment of Andover's population, she says.

"I find it very difficult to believe that we don't touch two-thirds of the community. If we don't catch you with a trip, we will catch you with a yard sale," says Donohue.

In a small town like Andover, it's easy for some residents to become isolated. Donohue believes that without the DCS, many Andoverites would have little or no interaction with the town of Andover or its residents.

"A lot of people, if they don't have a school child, if they don't visit the senior center, their only (civil) contact may be the tax bill. (DCS) gives them an opportunity to meet their neighbors and, hopefully, to do something fun," she says.

DCS is staffed by four people, including Donohue. Kim Stamas is the recreation coordinator, and Meg Batcheller

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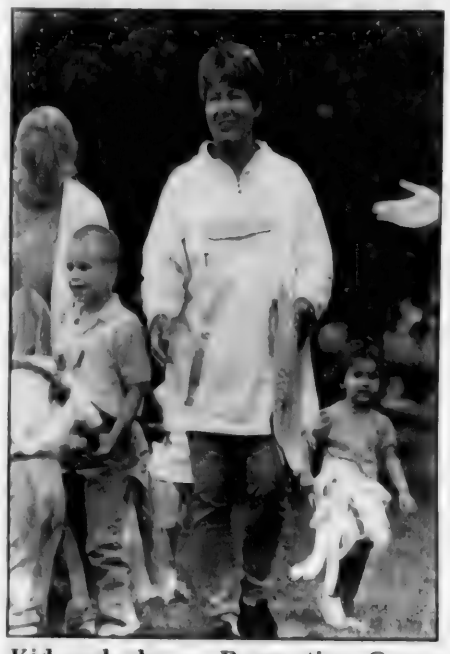
File photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Getting together — Community members, such as camp councilor Lizzie Sullivan, often help run programs for both youth and adults, out of the DCS office.



Kid and play — Recreation Coordinator Kim Stamas is one of those responsible for the programs offered by the Department of Community Services.

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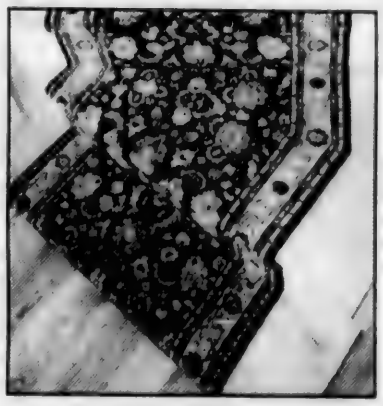

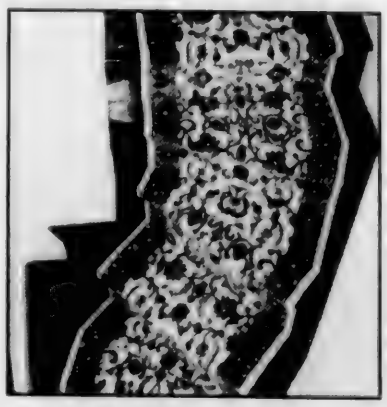

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and Vern Loschi are both members of the office staff.

"I think the staff as a whole enjoys providing an opportunity for people to give back to their community," says Donohue. "There's a certain pleasure in seeing that someone is interested in giving to their community, and then we see the results."

Mary Donohue

There are hundreds of part-time workers and volunteers who lead the classes and supervise the athletic opportunities and trips offered by DCS. Some volunteers and workers also help at the DCS office. Donohue notes that although some class instructors are paid a small stipend, which sometimes covers only their expenses, most are teaching in order to help other residents of Andover.

"It's a labor of love," Donohue says of the volunteers' efforts. "They're pretty much just giving back to their community."

This year, the DCS has a $491,000 operating budget, along with another $100,000 available through a revolving account.

Despite its budget, Donohue believes DCS could be enhanced if it had a regular space available, where town residents could meet, talk and further explore DCS opportunities. Although the department now lacks such a space, Donohue hopes that it might obtain a temporary space for such gatherings if Andover residents decide to build a new youth center.

Because the kids the youth center would be targeting attend school during the day, Donohue says DCS might be able to use space in the youth center during school hours.

"We feel that our department will benefit from any new building," says Donohue.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or to find out more information about the Department of Community Services can call 623-8274, or pay a visit to Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.

Youth services

The Youth Services Department runs programs generally designed for middle- and high-school-aged kids, including its Venture Out summer program, and after-school programs such as snowboarding trips.

Bill Fahey

Bill Fahey is head of the deparment, assisted by Glenn Wilson.

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Feaster Five: A holiday run-around

By Eric M. Danis

Thanksgiving Day conjures up many pleasant images: a nice, plump turkey, surrounded by mashed potatoes and green peas; joyous family members catching up on old times and new exploits, while lounging on the couch and enjoying football games in between naps; and local residents waking up early and risking inclement weather and cold temperatures to run a road race.

What?

As incongruous as it may sound to some, the Feaster Five Road Race has become an integral part of Thanksgiving for many Merrimack Valley residents.

And although the Feaster Five is one of the many annual Andover events that attract quite a crowd, few events find participants so willing to accept all kinds of weather. Runners and walkers have braved temperatures that have literally caused banners blown down by the wind to shatter.

Like many who run the race, David McGillivray, director of the 13th annual Feaster Five, sees a solid connection between the race and the holiday.

"The race benefits two wonderful charities. What better way to give back thanks than on Thanksgiving?" McGillivray says.

Patricia McNeice Mitchill, a former track athlete at

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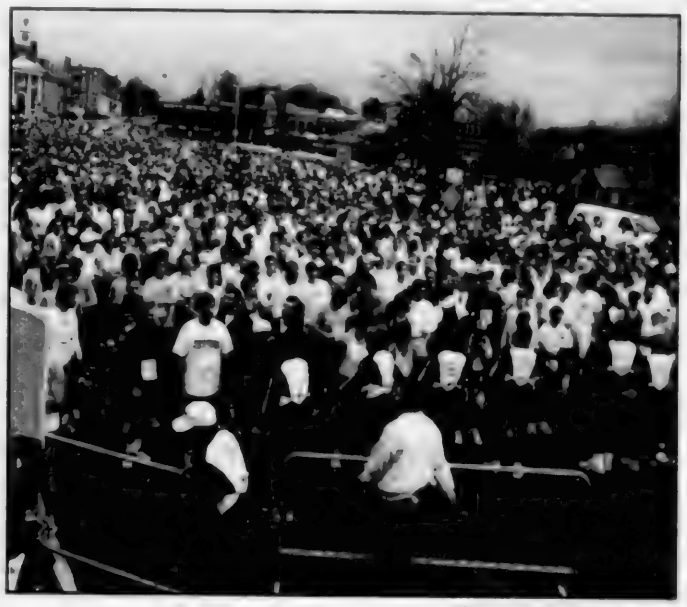

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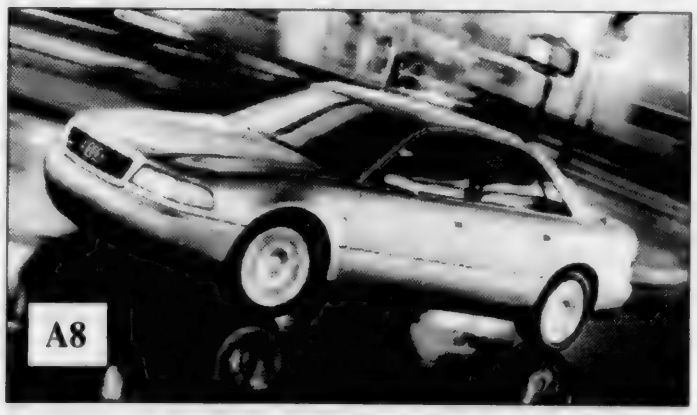

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Andover High School and Providence College, has participated in the last eight Feaster Five races.

"It's really good to be helping others on such a special day," says Mitchill.

All net proceeds from the race go to the Lazarus House, a homeless shelter in Lawrence, and the Home Health Visiting Nurses' Association. McGillivray says that last year, the 7,800 participants in the Feaster Five raised more than $60,000 for the two charities. This year, he hopes that at least 8,000 people will participate and that $100,000 will be raised.

This year, all net proceeds will again benefit Lazarus House and Home Health VNA. According to McGillivray, it is the charities that provide the motivation for "usually around 800" volunteers to relinquish precious family time on Thanksgiving to help ensure that the race runs smoothly.

Racers may be motivated by guilty pleasures, too, such as getting the long-sleeve T-shirts that are given to the first 6,000 participants who register, or the apple pies that are handed to everyone who finishes the race.

"I'm a big fan of the T-shirt," says Mitchill.

Participants in the Feaster Five also enjoy the social aspects of the race. Mitchill, who will be returning to Andover from her home in Connecticut, looks forward to the camaraderie of the race.

"You see so many people you know when you're running the race, it's like a big social hour," she says.

Another pleasurable aspect of the race is the Christmas feeling surrounding it. Participants get to run near the famous Brickstone Christmas Tree, one of the nation's tallest Christmas trees. Holiday music is also played at the finish line.

Competition is another reason why some runners enter the Feaster Five. Mitchill states that her goal for this year's race is to finally beat her brother, Paul McNeice, something she has failed to do in all of the previous Feaster Fives she has run.

Those who enjoy competition will appreciate an innovation in this year's race; for the first time, the Feaster Five will use the ChampionChip timing and scoring system. Participants will be assigned a computer chip that they will affix to one of their running shoes. Electronic mats will be placed at the start and finish of the race, so when a racer crosses the finish line, the computer chip will record his or her score accurately.

Registration and number pick-up for the Feaster Five will be held Nov. 20, and 21, from noon-7 p.m., and Nov. 22, from noon-6 p.m., at the Ramada Rolling Green at 311 Lowell St. There will be an additional registration session at Woodworth Motors, on the corner of Route 28 and Route 133, 7-8:15 a.m. Nov. 23 (race day). Online registration and a plethora of information about the race are available via the Internet at <www.mvstriders.com>.

This year's Feaster Five will start at 8:30 on Thanksgiving morning at Brickstone Square in Andover. Participants must pay a $20 entry fee and can chose to run or walk either 5 miles or 5 kilometers. Race-day entries will be accepted. There is also a children's event, called the "Kid's K," starting at 8 a.m.

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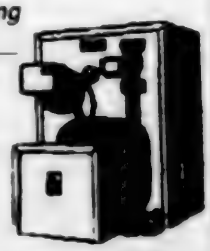

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Senior center: always something new

The Andover Senior Center offers services and programs for the older set, though people of all ages are welcome.

Programs include men's group activities, strength training, and the expansion of a cultural activities programs.

Programs continue at the Senior Center on Whittier Court, open Monday through Friday (except holidays), 8 a.m.-4 p.m. A full lunch is served at 11:30.

The Drop-In Center for seniors, in Old Town Hall on Main Street, is open Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

A monthly newsletter distributed by the Council on Aging lists all programs and services.

The center offers daily classes or activities in numerous areas of interest, including monthly wellness programs, social services/outreach, arts and crafts, community service projects, youth/intergenerational programs, continuing education/advocacy, the tax voucher program and special programs.

Programming includes the Women's Health Series including Yoga and strength training programs.

The Men's Group began organizing trips of interest including ball games and deep-sea fishing.

Mini-courses are available in literature, painting, poetry and a new nature and birding group.

Different guest artists are featured each month in the Visiting Artist series of demonstrations and workshops.

Cultural activities include visits to ballet, museums, and symphony and theatrical performances.

The center also organizes trips to local cultural events.

The Social Day Care Program is a supportive environment for those who might not otherwise participate in activities at the center, giving them the opportunity to remain involved, see friends and develop new friendships as well. Health clinics are also hosted at the center.

For information, or to be on the mailing list, contact **Jeanne Madden**, director of elder services at 623-8321.

Those who served

Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Four Andover veterans – Ned Spoto, Bruno Skiba, Robert Pustell and Alex Milne - were awarded the Bronze Star this year. For veterans information, residents can contact agent John Doherty, at 623-8218.

Council on Aging

Dorothy Bresnahan heads the Council on Aging, which works to develop programs, services and on building a new senior center.

The members of the council serve staggered three-year terms, appointed by the town manager. They are: **Martin Epstein, Oscar Rosenberg, Paul Salafia, Robert Schreiber, Richard Bowen, William Ryan, Elizabeth Tice, Marlies Zammuto, Leo Doherty, Doreen Correnti, Zeff Marusich** and **Maureen Jandovitz.**

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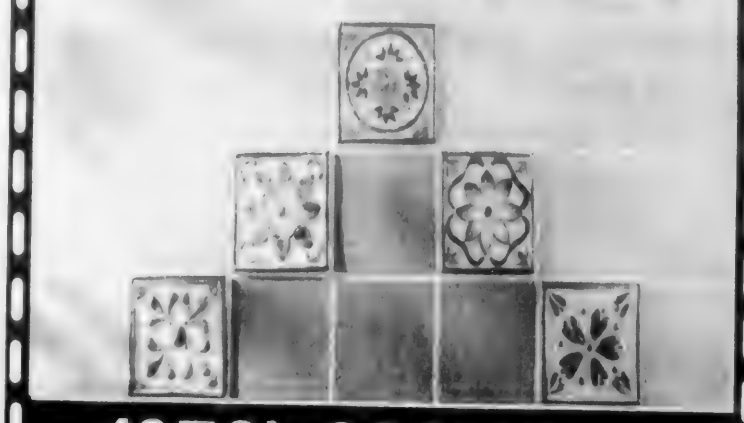
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James Doherty

Andover's town meeting is open to all registered voters in town.

Bonding, borrowing, eminent domain and zoning changes require a two-thirds majority vote.

Town Meeting actually starts with elections of town officials on the fourth Monday in March, then adjourns to early April for the actual business of town meeting, which usually lasts two or three nights.

A Special Town Meeting can be called at any time by the Board of Selectmen, or by anyone with a petition signed by at least 200 residents.

Town Meeting is usually held in the field house of Andover High School, or the J. Everett Collins Center at the High School, but has also been held in Dunn Gymnasium at the High School, at The Cage athletic complex at Phillips Academy, and in the auditorium at West Middle School.

James D. Doherty presides over Town Meeting as Town Moderator, a one-year elected position he has held for the last 22 years.

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A show of hands — Above, Andover voters raise their hands for a count at a recent Town Meeting. To register to vote see the Town Clerk at 36 Bartlet St.

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Historical Society keeps past alive — and moving

By Sharla D. Collier

The Andover Historical Society has long used its library collections and programs to connect residents with Andover's more than 350 years of history. Soon, it will provide a new connection with the past.

Since March, the Historical Society workers have concentrated on moving and breathing new life into two old Andover buildings that date back to the early 1700s.

After sitting on Salem Street for hundreds of years, the Gray Blacksmith Shop and the Taft Weaving Studio, part of the Gray family farmstead, are on the move to the society's site on Main Street.

The two small "outbuildings" were bequeathed to the Historical Society by Emily Taft, a society member and long time Andover resident, upon her death in 1997. Worried that the historically significant buildings might one day be lost to modern development, Taft left them to the society with the intention that they be used to educate the public about life on an old Andover farmstead.

Though structures such as the blacksmith and weaving buildings were quite common during their time, it's rare to find them still standing today. The shop and studio are the only structures of their kind left in Andover.

Barbara Thibault, executive director of the Andover Historical Society, says the outbuildings are in fairly good shape. When they were in regular use, the small buildings helped to keep the farm running, because the farmer and his family would use them to make everything from agricultural tools and cooking utensils to blankets and nails. In fact, Taft, an avid weaver, still used the old looms right into the 1980s.

When you look at the early farmsteads, it was common to have outbuildings for everyday uses," says Thibault.

Along with the buildings, the Historical Society also inherited their contents, weaving equipment and a collection of blacksmith tools that Taft's husband, Rev. Frederick Taft, took great pride in.

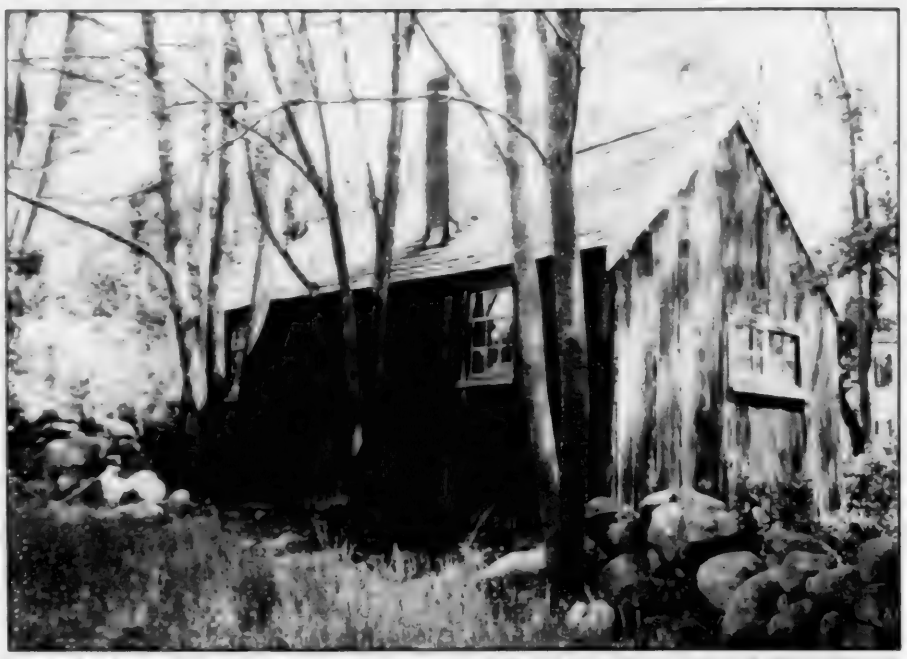
"She was a very generous lady," Thibault says fondly of Taft.

The reverend and his wife were just one of three generations of Tafts to live on the farmstead, which Rev. Taft's father bought from the Gray family in 1932.

In March, Historical Society volunteers began removing artifacts from the buildings and taking the chimneys apart – brick by brick – so that everything could be moved to the society grounds, where the outbuildings will eventually be reconstructed. From May 15 to June 19, a specialty contractor from First Period Colonial in Windham, N.H., worked to carefully dismantle the structures.

Meanwhile back at the Historical Society, volunteers cleared away brush in the back yard to make room for the impending additions.

In October, a volunteer from the Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Eugene Winter, conducted "test pits," or digs, to determine whether there was anything important buried on the site that the buildings have been moved from, as well as the new site that they will occupy. Winter unearthed burnt remnants of blacksmith work at the Salem Street site. But, Thibault says they don't expect to find anything of much interest on the Historical Society's property, since, in the past, it has only been used as a wood lot, an apple orchard and an area where pigs were kept.



New in town — The Gray Blacksmith Shop is being moved downtown to the locations of the Andover Historical Society. Residents will be able to use blacksmith equipment at the shop once it is ready.

"We were very fortunate that (Winter) came down here and offered his services," says Thibault.

The dismantled blacksmith shop and weaving studio will be stored at the Historical Society during the winter. Thibault says the excavating and ground breaking should take place in spring 2001, and the original contractor will return during late spring/early

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A different kind of barn raising

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summer to put the buildings back together again. Thibault says the society would like to have a "barn raising" of sorts, where the contractor could give demonstrations to visitors as he reconstructs the buildings. Volunteers may even get the chance to help out.

"Not only will visitors come and appreciate the buildings, but we have a very active core of volunteers ... and this would be a nice place to bring in new people and have them work on an exciting project," says Thibault.

The new buildings will help the society continue its mission of teaching Andover residents about their town's history.

"We have a 20-year-old program, where we take school children in fall and spring through a program (called) 'Andover at Work in the 1820s'; these buildings will be the backdrop for more of these activities," says Thibault.

As part of the program, students now learn about activities such as printing, housekeeping and fire fighting. And, when the new buildings are ready for visitors, the children will get the chance to broaden their understanding about life in Andover in the 1800s, learning about blacksmithing, woodworking, quilting and more.

"I think it will really revitalize a good program and make it terrific," Thibault says.

Since there were many duplicate items in the blacksmith shop, visitors may get the chance to actually handle some of the old tools.

"The modern-day people are very visual," says Thibault, who hopes that the hands-on approach to history will grab people's attention. "I think it's very important because today, we're moving at a very fast pace, with all of our technology ... The Historical Society becomes the keeper of the town's history."

The Andover Historical Society is located at 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

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Julliette Mofford, director of education programs, teaches children about a printing press. Mofford has written two plays about Andover's significant role in the Salem Witch Trials.

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Where's the fire? — A Bancroft class tries its hand at being a 1800s fire brigade.

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Town Manager **Buzz Stapczynski**, the town's chief administrative officer is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the town. He oversees approximately 300 full and part-time town employees and supervises the town's eight departments.

Buzz Stapczynski

Randy Hanson

Peter Johnson-Staub is the town's management analyst specializing in budget analysis.

Town Clerk **Randall L. Hanson** is responsible for supervising elections, maintaining the town voter list, census records, vital statistics and town meeting minutes, and is the licensing agent for the Board of Selectmen.

Public works

John Petkus joined Andover last year as public works director, replacing the retiring Bob McQuade.

The DPW director runs many of the town's most essential operations, including providing the town with clean water and disposing of the town's liquid and solid waste, and clearing and repairing the roads.

The **Engineering Division**, led by town engineer Brian Moore, prepares plans, oversees the bidding for town projects and reviews subdivision plans for the Planning Board.

The Robert E. McQuade Water Treatment Plant can provide 24 million gallons of fresh water a day. The **Water and Sewer Division** also maintains the sanitary sewer system, which services 52 percent of Andover's households. The sewerage is treated at the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District facility in North Andover.

The **Highway Division** is headed by Superintendent **John F. Canavan Jr.**, who is responsible for street sweeping, drainage and maintenance, street signs and snow removal.

Plant and facilities

Joseph Piantedosi, plant and facilities director, heads the six maintenance divisions that are responsible for maintaining town and school buildings, cemeteries, grounds and vehicles, and for renting town facilities.

Joseph Piantedosi

Keeping tabs on tax money

Together the town accountant, assessor, finance director and treasurer oversee various aspects of the towns finances.

Anthony J. Torrisi, finance and budget director, is responsible for revenue, budget management, financial planning, scheduling capital spending with the town manager, and the preparation of the annual town budget presented to the citizens at town meeting.

Rodney P. Smith, town accountant, is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and is responsible for overseeing the daily accounting and payroll functions.

He also serves as a member of the town's retirement board.

He records all town expenditures and makes sure departments operate within their annual budgets.

Smith also must audit all departments and annually report the town's financial status to the town's residents.

Bruce Symmes, the town's new assessor, evaluates and maintains records of property values in Andover. His office handles real-estate and personal-property valuations, motor-vehicle excise taxes and exemptions for veterans and the elderly.

Collector/Treasurer David Reilly collects and disburses all of the town's money.

He also invests and borrows money when voted to do so at Town Meeting.

Residents pay their water bills, tax bills, motor vehicle excise tax, and permit fees at his office.

The nine-member **Finance Committee** reviews budget requests from the town manager and other town department heads, and makes recommendations to Town Meeting. Members are appointed by the town moderator.

Members include **Chairwoman Joanne Marden, Margaret Jurgen, Robert King, Thomas Fardy, Richard Fox, Cynthia Milne, Debra Silberstein, Margaret Bradshaw and Timothy Felter.**

The Finance Committee usually meets the third Wednesday of each month, more often near Town Meeting.

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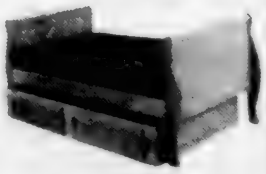

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Selectmen appoint the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board of Registrars and the town accountant.

They approve employees hired by the town manager, and appointments made by the town manager to committees and boards.

Selectmen also set the town's tax rate. Selectmen are elected for three-year terms.

Board members receive an annual salary of $1,200 a year, except the chairman, who receives $1,500.

Selectmen usually meet publically on the first and third Mondays of the month, and more frequently before Annual Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting.

None of the current members *(pictured here)* were elected to office prior to March, 1997.

Lori Becker and John Hess are up for reelection in March, 2001.

Chairman Brian Major

Lori Becker

Mary French

John Hess

Ted Teichert

Where to reach them

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski 623-8225

Lori Becker 470-2512
Mary French 475-4910
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Fire Chief Charles Murnane

The new building also will be used by both the police and fire departments, but will nearly double the size of the current facility.

The new safety center will be built in phases, and require some fire trucks and ambulances to be housed temporarily at Spring Grove Cemetery, and at the West Andover Fire Station.

Departments

Police Chief Brian Pattullo, is in charge of the approximately 67-member police department.

Civilian employees include 10 dispatchers – who also dispatch for fire and ambulance calls – four support staff, a parking supervisor and an animal-control officer.

Police Chief Brian Pattullo

Fire Chief Charles Murnane, who took over from retiring Chief Harold Wright early this year, is in charge of the approximately 73-member fire department.

The department provides fire prevention, suppression and investigation, emergency medical services, and rescue.

There are three fire stations: Central Station at the public safety center at 32 North Main St., the West Andover substation at Chandler and Greenwood roads, and the Ballardvale substation at the corner of Andover Street and Clark Road.

The police department opened its first satellite office in West Andover earlier this year.

New firefighters and police officers have been added to the town's roster during the past few years.

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(Building Division open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.)

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Curbside pickup:

Every other week, same day as trash: Glass, including clear, green and brown; paper, including newspapers, junk mail, paper board and magazines; cans, incluing crushed or flattened steel and tin cans.

Place recycling bin curbside by 7 a.m. on regular pick up day.

Recycling information & complaints: Waste Management Inc., 1-800-562-0321.

Recycling site:

Third Saturday of each month at West Middle School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for plastics #1 & #2 and aluminum.

Button and rechargeable batteries can be dropped off at town offices.

Compost Site: High Plain Road (Bald Hill area). Leaves and grass clippings. Open for walk-ins and drive-ins as announced in local newspapers.

Trash complaints or inquires:
BFI, (800) 422-9006.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Birth certificate, marriage, fishing and hunting licenses: town clerk's office.

How to dispose of an appliance

Appliances can no longer be left at curbside with trash. Their disposal is the homeowner's responsibility.

Suggestions for disposal: hire a private contractor or check with the company where your new appliance was purchased to see if it will take the old appliance.

ROAD WORRIES

Pothole/snow-removal complaints
Highway Division, 623-8426 or Dept. of Public Works, 623-8350.

TAX BILLS

Taxes are due quarterly on the following dates: Aug. 1, Nov. 1, Feb. 1, May 1.
Excise tax information: assessor's office, 623-8264.

TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

Town election is held the fourth Tuesday of March. Among the positions on a typical ballot are selectmen, School Committee and moderator.

Andover runs an open **Town Meeting**, which is generally held four weeks following the town election.

Residents may also call a Special Town Meeting at other times during the year.

Voter registration information: town clerk's office, 623-8255.

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Technical School adding on

Greater Lawrence Technical School is a regional school located on River Road that enrolls about 1,400 students from Andover, North Andover, Methuen and Lawrence.

Typically, about a dozen Andover students attend GLTS full-time. The school is preparing for a more than $40 million addition and renovation project.

Superintendent Frank Vacirca took the helm after serving as principal. Dan O'Connell, formerly of Haverhill High School, succeeded Vacirca as principal.

Andover's representative to the GLTHS School Committee is Joseph Gleason. He is an attorney in North Andover.

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$31.9 million plan for two new schools approved

Andover public schools expand

Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Claudia L. Bach** supervises a system of eight schools with more than 5,850 students, 630 staff and a $39-million budget.

Soon she will have more to oversee.

Residents at Town Meeting 2000 approved $31.9 million to build both another elementary and middle school at a site in West Andover, near the intersection of Cross Street and High Plain Road. Andover celebrated a ground-breaking ceremony at the site shortly after the beginning of the school year.

Claudia Bach

Marinel McGrath is assistant superintendent of the Andover schools. Both she and Bach were awarded new four-year contracts by the School Committee this year.

The schools' budget and financial planning are handled by **Bernie Tuttle**, business manager.

Marinel McGrath

Raymond Tode handles technology for the school department.

There are eight public schools in Andover.

Shawsheen School, on Ann's Lane, has an integrated primary program with kindergarten through grade-two classes. Shawsheen is not a neighborhood school; students from anywhere in town may attend it.

Four neighborhood elementary schools educate students from kindergarten through grade five: Bancroft Elementary on Bancroft Road, Sanborn Elementary on Lovejoy Road, South Elementary on Woburn Street and West Elementary on Beacon Street.

Students in grades six through eight attend classes in one of the two middle schools: Doherty Middle on Bartlet Street and West Middle on Shawsheen Road.

Andover High School, on Shawsheen Road, serves grades nine through 12. The school was renovated and added on to following a 1996 Town Meeting vote.

School Committee

The five-member School Committee sets educational policies and oversees school operations and state education laws.

The committee also helps develop the annual school budget, which is approved at Town Meeting. Members are elected to staggered three-year terms.

Members are: **Chairwoman Tina Girdwood, Eric J. Nadworny, Dick Collins, Frank "Skip" Eccles and Gerry Gustus.**

Tina Girdwood

The School Committee usually meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, but does schedule meetings at other times.

To contact them, see the list of phone numbers at right under "Public Schools."

Committee members this year have formed a redistricting task force. The task force will look into what schools students from various parts of Andover should attend once the new schools open.

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Transportation Coordinator: Carol Znamierowski, 623-8510
Special Education Coordinator: Cheri Webb, 623-8540.

Snow emergency, 623-8502.

School Committee:
Dick Collins – 475-6264
Skip Eccles – 475-8291
Tina Girdwood – 475-5253
Gerry Gustus – 475-1699
Eric Nadworny – 475-3145

Townwide PTO Council
Diane Hender, moderator, 470-0869
Carol Midey, secretary, 475-2544.

Elementary Schools
K-2 Integrated Primary
Shawsheen School, Ann's Lane
Administrator: Brenda O'Brien, 623-8850
PTO: Luci Prawdzik, 687-2848.

Bancroft School
Bancroft Road
Principal Norah McCarthy, 623-8880
PTO: Thyra Sherman, 474-9024.

Sanborn School
Lovejoy Road
Interim Principal Stephen C. Jankauskas', 623-8860
PTO: Pam Gertie, 474-8841.

South School
Woburn Street
Principal Eileen Woods, 623-8830
PTO: Diane Costagliola, 470-0942.

West Elementary School
Beacon Street
Principal Charles Friel, 623-8800
PTO: Carol Gianopolous, 475-5467.

Middle Schools
Doherty Middle School
Bartlet Street
Principal Floyd McManus, 623-8751
PAC: Norma Villarreal, 475-4485.

West Middle School
Shawsheen Road
Principal Vicki Simms, 623-8700
PAC: Lori Korte, 749-6775.

High Schools
Andover High School
Shawsheen Road
Principal Peter Anderson, 623-8632
PAC: Bob Stoetzel, 475-6964.

Greater Lawrence Technical School
River Road
Superintendent: Frank Vacirca, 686-0194
Principal: Dan O'Connell, 686-0194
Rep. Joseph Gleason, 683-3345.

Colleges
University of Massachusetts/Lowell
Undergraduate and graduate programs, 934-4000.

Northern Essex Community College
Elliott Way, Haverhill, 374-3900.
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John Waters, headmaster
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475-2414. Pre-k-grade 8.

Andover School of Montessori
400 S. Main St.
Richard Abbey, exec. director
475-2299. Pre-k-grade 6.

Secondary Schools
Phillips Academy
Chapel Avenue
Barbara Landis Chase, head of school
749-4000.

Brooks School
1160 Great Pond Road
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686-6101.

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Sister Mary Farren, principal
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Fellowship Christian Academy
One Fellowship Way, Methuen
Walter Caldwell, administrator
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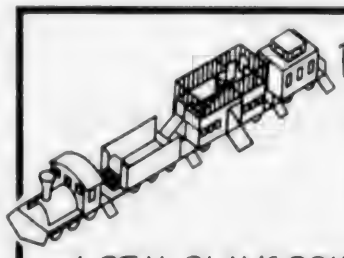

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Book Sale, Memorial Hall Library, 1 Elm Square, Andover. The event, sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, takes place 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 18 and 1-5 p.m. Nov. 19. 623-8401.

Harvest Moon Ball, presented by the Department of Community Services, Old Town Hall. Enjoy an evening of ballroom dancing with hosts Steve and Linda White. The event will include dance lessons and exhibitions, 7:30-11:30 p.m., Nov. 11. Tickets are available at the DCS and cost $15 per person or $25 per couple; advance ticket purchase is recommended. 623-8274.

Theater Trip, sponsored by the Andover Senior Center, Andover. Participants will travel by bus to the North Shore Music Theatre to see "Fiddler on the Roof," Nov. 15. Admission includes ticket and transportation and costs $35 per person. The group meets at the senior center on Whittier Street at 12:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. performance. 623-8321.

Feaster Five Road Race, 5-mile and 5k races and a kid's 1k run, Andover. The 13th annual Feaster Five, co-sponsored by *The Eagle-Tribune* and Smith & Nephew, takes place Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day). Proceeds will benefit Lazarus House of Lawrence and Home Health VNA. (978) 774-3842.

Holiday Bazaar, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. Items for sale include crafts, books, plants and baked goods, 9

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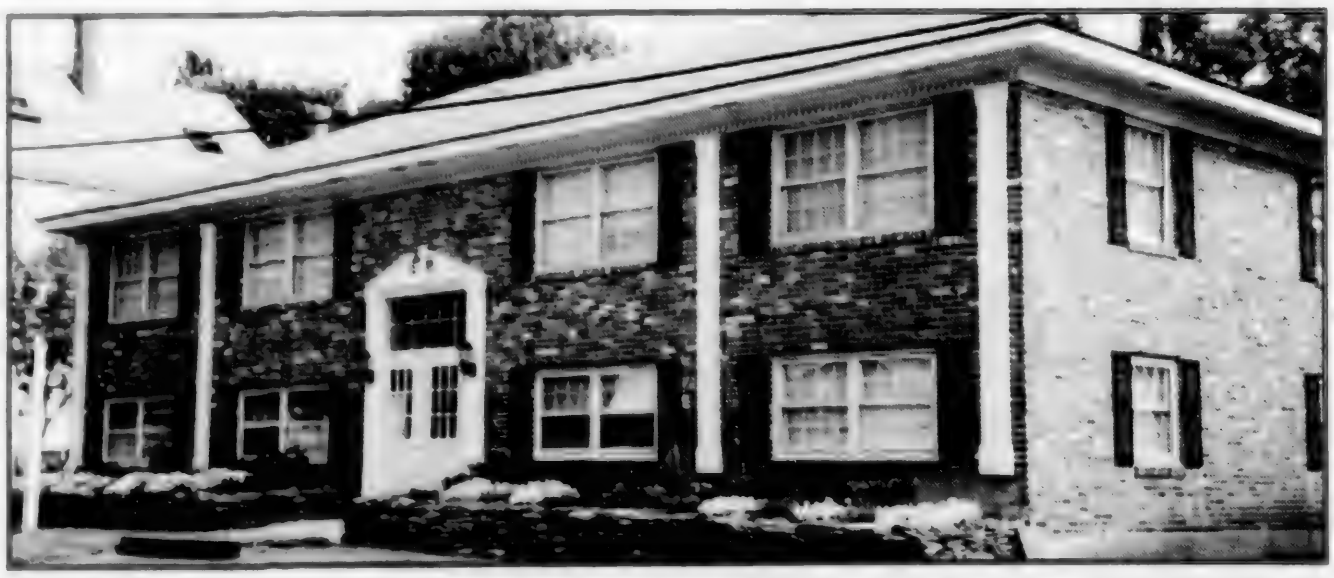

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a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 4. 475-2645.

Lecture and Slide Show, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. Bring a brown-bag lunch and enjoy "The Bostonians: Painters of an Elegant Era," noon, Nov. 8. The senior center holds a different lecture each month. 623-8321.

Andover Firefighters' Santa Parade, downtown Andover. The parade will begin at Doherty Junior High School, 1 p.m., Nov. 26. Traditionally held on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the parade features student marching bands, firetrucks, model cars and, of course, an appearance by Santa Claus. The Andona Society will hand out candy and balloons. 475-1281.

Brickstone Tree Lighting Ceremony, Brickstone Square, Andover. Each year, a local tree gets the chance to be erected at Brickstone Square, decorated with thousands of lights and designated the largest Christmas tree in the nation. This year's lighting takes place Nov. 26. The public is invited to enjoy Santa's Village, a petting zoo and more, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings through Christmas Eve.

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Thanksgiving Dinner, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. Advanced reservations are required for the meal, noon, Nov. 19. Cost is $3 per person. 623-8321.

DECEMBER

Holiday Concert and Eggnog Social, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. The event will feature music by choral groups and a handbell choir, 2 p.m., Dec. 3. Admission is $3. (978) 623-8321.

Silent Auction, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover. Bid on Christmas gifts, participate in museum tours and enjoy refreshments, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 6-9; the finale, featuring a wine and cheese reception, takes place 2-3:30 p.m., Dec. 10. 475-2236.

Breakfast with Santa, The Andover Town House (Old Town Hall), Main Street, Andover. The Andover Center Association welcomes children to eat breakfast with Santa Claus, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Dec. 16. For more information, write to the association at P.O. Box 5001, Andover, MA 01810.

Poinsettia, Crafts and Bake Sale, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. The sale takes place 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Dec. 15. 623-8321.

Connecticut Casino Trip, Department of Community Services, 36 Bartlet St., Andover. Participants will travel to Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Resort Casino and stay overnight at Mystic's Sovereign Best Western Hotel, Dec. 4 and 5. 623-8274.

Theater Trip, sponsored by the Andover Senior Center, Andover. Participants will travel by bus to the Merrimack Repertory Theatre to see "The Founder of the Feast," Dec. 28. Admission includes ticket and transportation and costs $17 per person for seventh-row seats. The group meets at the senior center on Whittier Street at 1 p.m. for the 2 p.m. performance. 623-8321.

Feliz Navidad Festival, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. The event features Latin music, food and artifacts, 2 p.m., Dec. 10. Call for ticket information. 623-8321.

Holiday Open House, presented by the Andover Center Association, downtown Andover. Enjoy holiday shopping and children's activities, 6-9 p.m., Dec. 8. For more information, write to the associa-

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Christmas Coffee, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. The event takes place 8-11 a.m., Dec. 21. 623-8321.

JANUARY

Oil Painting Demonstration, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. Bring your paints or just watch the artist, 9:30 a.m., Jan. 23. Cost is $5. 623-8321.

"Family Day: Kids' Life in the 1820s." Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. The event features tours and storytelling, 11:30 a.m., Jan. 27. Admission is $5 per family. 475-2236.

Men's Breakfast, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. The event begins at 8:30 a.m., Jan. 19. Cost is $3. Men's breakfasts are held monthly. 623-8321.

FEBRUARY

Boston Symphony Orchestra Trip, sponsored by the Andover Senior Center, Andover. Participants will depart from the senior center at 8 a.m. to see an open rehearsal by the orchestra, Feb. 22. Call for ticket prices. 623-8321.

Father/Daughter Valentine Dance, Old Town Hall, Andover. The Department of Community Services holds the event in February. 623-8274.

MARCH

"St. Patrick's Day Night," presented by the Andona Society, Indian Ridge Country Club, Andover. The event will feature a casino theme, 7 p.m.-midnight, March 17. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a light dinner will be served. 474-0848.

St. Patrick's Day event, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. The senior center holds an event in celebration of St. Patrick's Day every year. Call for details. 623-8321.

Spring Fling, presented by the Andona Society, Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover. The event is for children in sixth through eighth grade, 7-10:30 p.m., March 31. There will be a DJ for dancing, swimming, basketball, pizza and snacks. 474-0848.

APRIL

Spring Coloring Contest, Andover. The Andover Center Association sponsors the contest for children throughout the month of April. For more information, write to the association at P.O. Box 5001, Andover, MA 01810.

MAY

Crafts in the Park, The Park, Andover. The annual fund-raiser, sponsored by the Andover chapter of American Field Service (an international student exchange program), is generally held on Mother's Day. Crafters sell their wares in booths around the park. 794-9909.

Theater Trip, sponsored by the Andover Senior Center, Andover. Participants will travel by bus to Merrimack Repertory Theatre to see "Visiting Mr. Green," May 3. Admission includes ticket and transportation and costs $17 per person for seventh-row seats. The group meets at the senior center on Whittier Street at 1 p.m. for the 2 p.m. performance. 623-8321.

Clown Town, presented by the Andona Society, The Park, Bartlet Street, Andover. The event features plenty of clowns, 6-10 p.m. May 18 and 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 19. Highlights include, games, carnival rides and face painting. 474-0848.

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American Association of University Women, Merrimack Valley branch, works to unite graduates of accredited colleges and universities to promote education and equity for women and girls. Membership in AAUW promotes personal growth, friendship, community involvement and an opportunity to network with individuals of diverse professional backgrounds. The branch raises funds to support local and national scholarships and collaborates with community organizations to provide outreach programs for women and girls. For membership information, call Tish Bachmann at 470-0290.

American Field Service is an international student exchange program. Through everyday interaction, host families, students and the community experience a lifestyle different from their own. Students attend Andover High School for a year and live with an Andover family. Call Marsha Johnson at (978) 794-9909.

Andovers Artists Guild offers activities such as demonstrations, workshops, exhibitions and art shows. Scholarships are offered each year to local high school graduates who plan to further their education in the art field. For membership information, contact Diane Maroun at (978) 683-8789.

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Spin cycle — Clown town, which brings carnival-style rides and games to town once each year, is run by the Andona Society.

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A Better Chance, Andover. Both nationally and locally, ABC funds scholarships for academically qualified minority students interested in attending private high schools and competitive public schools. The students live in a dorm on Main Street and connect with a host family. For more information, contact Candy Dann at 470-2797.

The Andona Society is a volunteer organization of more than 100 women. Founded in 1952, the society is dedicated to supporting local youth-oriented organizations, providing scholarships and "camperships" to resident youth and donating to community service projects. For more information, please send a request to the membership chairwoman, The Andona Society, P.O. Box 256, Andover, MA 01810.

Andover Center Association supports downtown businesses. For more information, write to Tom Keefe, P.O. Box 5001, Andover, MA 01810.

Andover Choral Society meets every Monday at 7:20 p.m. at Christ Church on Central Street. No auditions are necessary. The 2000-2001 performance season will include "Haydn Mass E-Flat" Jan. 1 and "Peretta Gala" May 1. Contact Catherine Bruton at (978) 687-8225 for more information.

Andover Democratic Town Committee supports and represents democratic candidates and ideals. The group's 35 members are elected by ballot on presidential-year ballots. Many associates are elected throughout the year as non-voting members. Contact the democratic communications secretary, Larry Morse, at 475-9682 or <lawmorse@shore.net>.

Andover Fly Fishers is a loosely organized group of enthusiasts who share their experiences (and some interesting lies) during the off-season. They meet at Christ Episcopal Church on Central Street on Thursday evenings 12 times from October through April. The meetings usually feature slide or video presentations from member or guest speakers. Interested fly fishers should contact Fred Cummings at 475-4167 or Dan Conlon at 475-4481 or write to Andover Fly Fishers, Box 204, Andover, MA 01810.

Andover Fund for Education is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to supporting Andover's public schools. Member contributions support projects beyond the scope of the regular school budget and fund an endowment to benefit students well into the future. For more information, call Mary O'Donoghue at 470-3205.

Andover Garden Club, now in its 73rd year, is a charitable organization that aids in the beautification of the town of Andover, helps protect and conserve natural resources and encourages the study and practice of horticulture and landscape and floral design. The club welcomes new members with a strong interest in gardening. For more information, contact president Frances Wheeler at 475-7970.

Andover Historical Society maintains the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, which has eight newly restored period rooms depicting the 1820s through the 1850s. The barn's treasures include farm tools, an 1829 fire pumper and a 19th-century woodworking shop. In the research center, there are family and house history materials, along with manuscripts, maps, cemetery records and more than 20,000 (Continued on page 27A)

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Andover Racquets Club is open to squash players of all levels. Members play on nine courts (four international) and participate in league and tournament play. Call Murray Smith at 470-8759.

Andover Trails Committee is a citizens' group seeking to protect recreational green space and to establish, maintain and improve trails for walking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing. The committee meets the third Tuesday of alternate months, September through May, at 7 p.m. at the town offices. Contact acting chair Alan French at 470-1982 for more information.

Bay Circuit Alliance is a volunteer organization that works to establish the Bay Circuit Trail, Boston's outer "Emerald Necklace," through more than 50 towns and to protect additional open space. Contact Chairman Alan French at 470-1982.

The Betsy Ross/Samuel Adams chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the second Wednesday of the month, October through June, at 11 a.m. The group presents patriotic and historical programs and lectures. Contact Regent Karen Schnorrenberg at 474-8973 for further information.

Friends of the Andover Senior Center is a private, nonprofit fund-raising organization that supports the senior center. For more information, call Rita Carrier or Doreen Correnti at 475-9307.

Friends of Andover Youth is an organization of adults dedicated to connecting youth to one another and to the community. Working with and as advocates for the Andover Youth Council and Andover Youth Services, the group supports events, activities and programs that promote growth, self-discovery, self-confidence and community spirit in young people. To become involved, call Carole Chanler at 470-1550 or Diane Hender at 470-0869.

Friends of Memorial Hall Library is a fund-raising group dedicated to encouraging public support for, and interest in, the library. The group provides special programs and services that expand and enrich the library's regular budget. The "extras" include concerts, readings, speakers, children's programs, museum passes, materials and equipment. Those interested in the group can contact Norma Gammon at <ngammon@mhl.org> or 623-8401, Ext. 49. The Web site, <www.mhl.org/info/friends.htm>, has more information.

The Herb Society of Andover started in 1983 in response to a growing interest in our herbal heritage. Participants come with wide-ranging levels of expertise to learn about herbs and their many uses, while enjoying the fellowship of other herb lovers. The group meets in member's homes on the second Monday morning of each month. The contact person is Brenda Tomasz, who can be reached at (978) 689-8599 or <bltgraphics@mediaone.net>.

League of Women Voters, Andover/North Andover, is a nonpartisan organization that promotes the informed and active participation of citizens in government and works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. The league sponsors candidate debates and voter education forums. This year, the league is focusing on a town charter study, a sustainability study and education reform. The group is open to all, women and men. For further details, call Maria Bartlett at 470-1278 or Marjie Dennis at 470-1664.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club meets at the Trinitarian Congregational Church on Elm Street in North Andover, and the public is welcomed. Contact the group at (978) 689-9643, (978) 664-3140 or (978) 686-2656.

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce is located at 264 Essex St., Lawrence. Contact Joseph J. Bevilacqua, president, at (978) 686-0900.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of the Massachusetts Association of Insurance Women Inc., Merrimack Valley is dedicated to the professional development of its members through educational programs and networking opportunities. Monthly dinner meetings provide speakers on insurance-related topics. Contact Lois Tacconi, publicity Chairwoman, at 475-6170.

Merrimack Valley Striders running club promotes running through local road races, fun runs and training. For more information, call the club phone at (978) 687-8887.

New England Classical Singers requires potential members to audition. Call William Donelan at 474-6090 for details.

Newcomers' Club of the Andovers invites you to meet new people, get to know your community and have some fun! The Club is open to all residents of Andover and North Andover. Club activities include tennis, golf and family adventures. For more information, contact Heather Petro at 474-0429 or Jackie Hesketh at (978) 686-3096

Merrimack's Toastmasters 508 Club meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Prescott House in North Andover. The group fosters a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Guests are welcomed. For more information, call Sonia Hadley at (978) 557-5400.

Quota International is a nonprofit organization whose focus is to provide financial support, time and resources to help meet the needs of disadvantaged women and children. The organization also champions the education of hearing-impaired children in the Merrimack Valley and provides a yearly scholarship to a student of the Northern Essex Community College Speech and Hearing Impaired Interpreter's program. For more information about the club, contact Marsha Cohen at (978) 475-3904.

The Andover Republican Town Committee is comprised of 35 members, elected in

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Building, preserving: Planning and community development

The four divisions of the Department of Community Development and Planning administer and enforce the town's building, health and environmental regulations. The department issues all permits for buildings, plumbing, gas, electrical, sewer and septic systems.

Stephen L. Colyer, planning director, and **Laura DeGroot,** senior planner, coordinate residential, commercial and industrial development plans, and enforce the Planning Board's regulations.

Stephen Colyer

The planners are liaisons to several Merrimack Valley regional agencies.

Kaija M. Gilmore, inspector of buildings, enforces zoning bylaws, reviews building plans, issues building permits, ensures compliance with state and local building codes and advises the Zoning Board of Appeals when requested.

Planning Board

Michael H. Miller heads the five-member Planning Board, which oversees subdivision and zoning bylaws. The board maintains a master plan of the town and revises it when necessary. Members of the volunteer board are appointed by the town manager for five-year terms.

Michael Miller

Current members are **Chairman . Miller, Susan W. Alovisetti, Paul J. Salafia, Vincent Chiozzi, Linn N. Anderson,** and associate member **Sheila Doherty.** The board meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Conservation Commission

The seven-member Conservation Commission oversees the town's 1,728 acres of open space and wetlands by working with developers and home owners to enforce compliance with state wetlands laws.

Members are appointed for three-year terms include **Chairman Robert A. Pustell, Donald D. Cooper, Paul J. Finger, Gail L. Ralston, Thomas Murphy, Philip Sutherland,** and **Prasanta Bhunia.**

Robert Pustell

Conservation Commissioners are assisted by James Greer, conservation administrator. The Conservation Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at town offices.

While the Conservation Commission controls 1,728 of Andover's 19,900 acres, other groups protect land and provide space for passive recreation as well. The private Andover Village Improvement Society owns about 1,000 acres and another 889 is owned by the state, at Harold Parker State Forest.

Zoning Board of Appeals

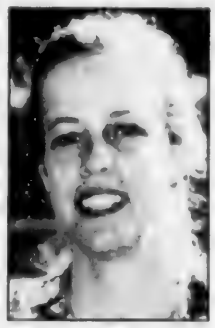
The nine-member Zoning Board of Appeals hears petitions for special permits and variances from the town's zoning bylaws. Board members are appointed for three years.

Regular members include **Chairman Daniel S. Casper, Carol C. McDonough, Paul Bevacqua, Peter F. Reilly** and **Pamela H. Mitchell.**

Pat Schwing is assistant to the ZBA. The board meets the first Thursday of each month.

Preservation Commission

Karen M. Herman is chairwoman of the Andover Preservation Commission, (formerly the Historical Commission).



Karen Herman

The Preservation Commission aims to preserve, protect, and develop the historical, architectural and archaeological assets of Andover. The commission was established by vote of Town Meeting in 1970 and the first seven members were appointed in 1971.

In addition to Herman, current members are **Norma A. Gammon, Dennis Ingram, Raymond H. Flynn, Ann E. Constantine, James S. Batchelder** and **Mark DeLisio.**

Housing Authority

Christine Metzemaekers is director of the Andover Housing Authority, which oversees the rental of 278 public housing units in various locations, including elderly housing at Chestnut Court, Grandview Terrace, Stowe Court and Frye Circle, and family housing at Memorial Circle.

The AHA oversees a variety of programs for elders and families, including rental assistance and a family self-sufficiency program.

The five Housing Authority commissioners, four of whom are elected and one appointed by the governor, serve five year terms.

Christine Metzemaekers

Current members are: **Ronald C. Hajj, Norma Villarreal; Hartley M. Burnham, James Cuticchia** and **Francis O'Connor.** Tenant Council Representatives are **Jeannie Cook** of the Elderly Tenant's Council and **Robert Fraize** of the Family Tenants Council.

Commission on Disability

The Andover Commission on Disability was established to address the needs of Andover, and its citizens with disabilities.

New members are needed and guests are always welcome.

Members include Chairperson **Mike Warshawsky, Mark Van Doren, Justin Coppola Sr. and Jr., Karen Jacobs-Gold, Madeline St. Amand, Nancy Tammik-Smith, William O'Heaney and Gil DeMoor.**

Currently, the commission is conducting surveys to see what disabled residents believe is needed in town.

The commission was founded in 1995.

Contact Warshawsky, with any questions about the Andover Commission on Disability at 749-9428.

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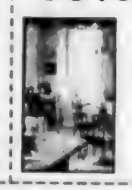

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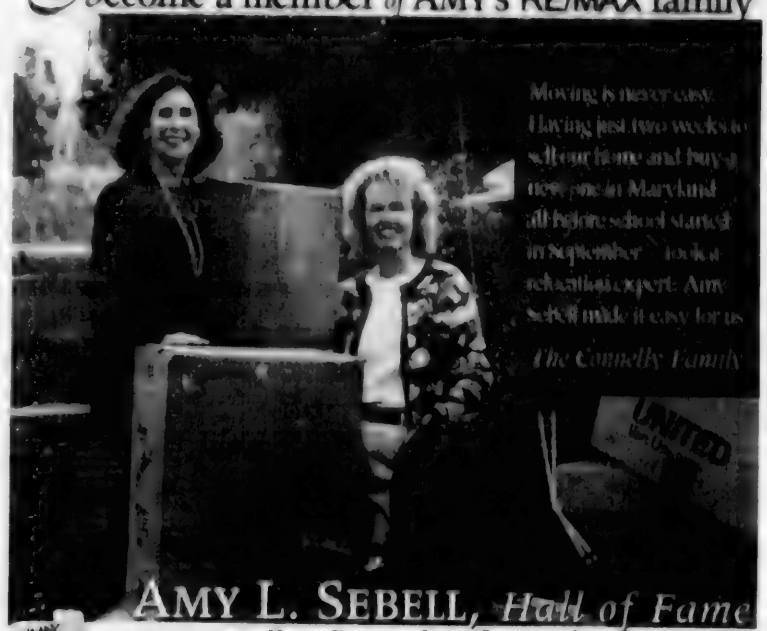

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Saint Augustine's Handbell Choir has performed for at churches, weddings, concerts, nursing homes and other places and events in and around Andover. If you would like further information, or if you would like to join or hire the choir, call Carolyn at 470-[illegible].

Service Club of Andover sponsors annual social functions each year for adults with developmental disabilities living in the Andover area and assists their families. The club also sponsors the Andover High School Business Partnership Career Mentoring Program and other programs for Andover youth. Contact Thomas Carroll at 470-[illegible], Ext. 141.

Shawsheen Village Women's Club is a social club that promotes learning and community betterment. Contact Libby Shea at 475-2645.

UNICO (Unity, Neighbor, Integrity, Charity, Opportunity) is a nationwide Italian-American service organization, created in 1922 to oppose the discrimination and defamation of Italians. Members raise funds for community charities, benevolent activities, scholarships for deserving youth and to provide assistance to those in need. Requests for benevolent activities and contributions are welcome. For more information on the Andover chapter, call Sam Reitano at (978) 683-2382.

Village Garden Club is a friendly group of women who enjoy gardening. Contact Michael Bekerman at 475-5434.

YMCA, Andover/North Andover branch, is located on Haverhill Street in Andover. The facility offers programs in aquatics, physical fitness, special interests and child care for members and non-members. For more information, call (978) 685-3541.

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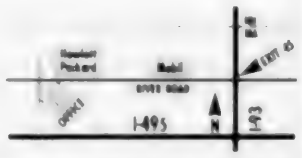

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HELP AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Al-Anon, a support group for the families and loved ones of alcoholics, meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover. For more information, call 475-0529.

Alcoholics Anonymous, a support group for alcoholics, meets at several locations in Andover. Meetings are held at 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St.; 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 8 p.m., Wednesday, Phillips Academy Chapel, 180 Main St.; and 7:30 p.m., Friday, St. Augustine's, 43 Essex St. For an updated listing of programs, call (617) 426-9444.

Andover CARES (Community Advocates for Resources, Education and Support) is a volunteer group of educators, professionals and parents, who work together in an effort to increase a sense of belonging and to foster resiliency within the community, particularly among youth. For further information, call (978) 470-0869 or (978) 689-9505, Ext. 37.

Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange, P.O. Box 444. For more information call 978-470-1582.

Andover Commission on Disabilities addresses the needs of Andover and its citizens with disabilities. The group meets monthly at 7 p.m. at the Andover town offices. For more information, call 623-8335.

Andover Senior Center offers support groups for Parkinson's disease, vision, care givers and stroke. The center also sponsors several events and trips; preregistration is required for most activities. Call 623-8321.

Andover SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange) is a neighborhood-based, self-help food distribution and community building program. A network of community centers and other organizations serve as hosts or distribution sites. For details, call 475-6485.

Challenge Unlimited is a program that teaches therapeutic horseback riding to handicapped children and adults at Ironstone Farm, 456 Lowell St., Andover. Community service opportunities are available for volunteers interested in assisting riding students. Call 475-4056.

Co-dependents Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships, with emphasis on the 12-step approach. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. each Thursday at Trinitarian Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Contact Kathy at (978) 686-8206 for more information.

Creative Living Inc. is a private, nonprofit community organization serving adults with developmental disabilities in the Merrimack Valley. It holds "get away weekends," and a social program monthly. Located at 368 Main St. in Andover, Creative Living also supports Classic Threads, a clothing shop in Lawrence. For information contact Christine Clarke-Swift at 470-3165, or email: <creativlvg@aol.com>.

Family Service Inc. is located at 430 North Canal St. in Lawrence and 11 Chestnut St. in Andover. The organization provides outpatient counseling for mental health and

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The Andover Senior Center offers a number of support groups, along with a variety of entertaining and educational programs for seniors.

Area hospitals and clinics

Hospitals

Anna Jaques Hospital
25 Highland Ave., Newburyport
(978) 463-1000

Hale Hospital
140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill
(978) 374-2000

Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center
70 East St., Methuen
(978) 687-0151

Holy Family Hospital Pediatric Center
60 East St., Methuen
(978) 687-0370

Lahey Clinic
41 Mall Road, Burlington
(781) 273-5100

Lawrence General Hospital
1 General St., Lawrence
(978) 683-4000

Lowell General Hospital
295 Varnum Ave., Lowell
(978) 937-6000

Saints Memorial Medical Center
1 Hospital Drive, Lowell
(978) 458-1411
West Campus, 220 Pawtucket St., Lowell
(978) 453-1761

Winchester Hospital
41 Highland Ave., Winchester
(781) 729-9000

Clinics

Andover Surgical Day Care Clinic
138 Haverhill St., Andover
475-2880

Billerica Walk-In Medical Center
330 Boston Road, Billerica
(978) 667-2273

Andover online

Town of Andover Web site: <www.town.andover.ma.us>
Memorial Hall Library: <www.mhl.org>
School Committee: <http://members.aol.com/asc01810/index.htm>
Andover schools: <www.andoverpublicschools.com>

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Places to look for support

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substance abuse. Staff offers counseling and training to agencies and groups on a wide range of issues, such as parenting, substance abuse, separation and divorce, anxiety and balancing work and family. For more information, call (978) 683-9505.

Jewish Family Service of the Merrimack Valley, 805 Turnpike St., North Andover, offers counseling services for those of the Jewish faith. The Citizen Assistance Program helps immigrants achieve citizenship status by providing case management, information, referrals and tutoring. Volunteers are needed to teach English and help with the organization's quarterly newsletter. For further information, call (978) 683-6711.

La Leche League of Andover meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Andover School of Montessori at 400 South Main St. The group aids breast-feeding mothers through education, encouragement and mother-to-mother support. Contact person is Lynn Abbe at 475-5160.

Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 439 South Union St., Lawrence, is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights and well-being of children and families. Parenting groups are available. Call (978) 682-9222 for more information.

Merrimack Valley Hospice offers shelter of a special kind to patients in the final stages of life, providing emotional, spiritual and medical support to the patient and his or her family. The goal is to help the patient remain at home with family and friends. The hospice, located at 360 Merrimack St. in Lawrence, also has bereavement support groups (preregistration is required). For more information, call (978) 552-4000 or (800) 933-5593.

Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, professinal and amatuer musicians play five conserts a year and holiday programs. Call Don Olson at 686-9600.

The Mother Connection of Andover has been in existence for more than 20 years, providing support and education for parents with young children through a group of volunteers. The nonprofit organization offers family link-up groups, a resource center and play space, educational workshops, special events and more to those in the Merrimack Valley. Contact Sheila Graham at 470-1500 for more information.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Greater Lawrence chapter, is an organization of families whose purpose is mutual support and education, as well as support for relatives and others affected by mental illness. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month (except June and August) at First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover. For further information, call Pat Corcoran at 475-1620.

Parent to Parent is a volunteer parent network that facilitates effective communication among parents and addresses issues relating to children's education and physical and social development. The group holds parenting education classes and workshops and a free speaker series. Contacts are Diane Hender at (978) 470-0869 and Bridget Moreno at 470-2059.

Safe Place is a support group for those who have lost a loved one through suicide. Group members use only first names. Meetings take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. For details, call The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley at (978) 688-0030.

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JUNE

Bazaar Days, presented by the Andover Center Association, downtown Andover. Main Street is closed off to cars for two days to make way for sidewalk sales, entertainment, games and food, June 15 and 16. For more information, write to the association at P.O. Box 5001, Andover, MA 01810.

Theater Trip, sponsored by the Andover Senior Center, Andover. Participants will travel by bus to Merrimack Repertory Theatre to see "The Lowell Trilogy," June 14. Admission includes ticket and transportation and costs $17 per person for seventh-row seats. The group meets at the senior center on Whittier Street at 1 p.m. for the 2 p.m. performance. (978) 623-8321.

JULY

Fourth of July Festivities, Andover. Activities on July 4 include a Horribles Parade down Main Street, a pancake breakfast and games in The Park and fireworks at the Greater Lawrence Technical School. 623-8200.

Summer Concert Series, The Park, Andover. The Department of Community Services presents concerts every Wednesday night, July 11 through the end of August. 623-8274.

SEPTEMBER

Art in the Park, Central Park, Andover. The event, sponsored by the Andovers Artists Guild, generally takes place during the third weekend of September. The day-long art exhibit and sale benefits the guild's scholarship fund. (978) 683-8789.

Residents search for bargains at every Bazaar Days.

Art in the Park is one of several annual activities that keep people coming to the Park, next to Town Offices downtown.

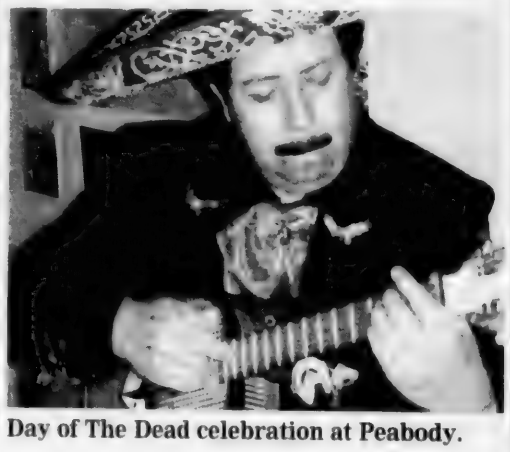
MUSEUMS

Learn about art, history and archaeology at Andover's museums:

Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Chapel Avenue. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday, national holidays, Dec. 24 and Aug. 1-Labor Day. Admission is free; 749-4015 or <www.addisongallery.org>.

Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointment. For more information, see the listing under "Clubs and Associations"; 475-2236 or <www.ultranet.com/~andhists>.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Phillips Academy, 175 Main St. The museum is devoted to North American archaeology and general anthropology. Open year-round, noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free; 749-4490 or <www.andover.edu/rspeabody>.



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Rep. David Nangle

Child care centers

Andover Children's Academy
106 Brookside Drive
975-8483
Natasha Tenenbaum

Andover Early Childhood Development Center
274 Lowell St.
475-9000
Kathleen Zagarella

Andover/North Andover YMCA Preschool
165 Haverhill St.
685-3541

Andover Rompers Nursery School
South Church
41 Central St.
475-4000

Andover School of Montessori
400 South Main St.
475-2299
Richmond Abbey, executive director

Ballardvale Preschool
23 Clark Road
470-2033
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15 New England Business Center Drive
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Christ Church Children's Center
25 Central St.
475-4037
Leslie McGovern, director

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511 South Main St.
470-3122
Gwen Hedrick, director

Discover Preschool
129 Reservation Road
475-9706

KinderCare
594 Chickering Road, North Andover
685-8111
Christina Knight, director

Learning, Loving Living Preschool
129 Reservation Road
475-7722
Linda Torrisi, director

Nursery School at Temple Emanuel
7 Haggetts Pond Road
470-1563
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43 Essex St.
475-8973

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198 Haggetts Pond Road
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65 Phillips Street
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Memorial Hall Library

Contact the library at Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, 623-8400. Community Information 623-8401, ext 31 or 32 or www.mhl.org

Hours

Winter Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Summer Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Memorial Hall Library has a staff of more than 60 and its collections hold more than 200,000 volumes and 15,000 compact disks, audiotapes, CD-ROMS and videotapes. More than a half million items are circulated from the library by more than 31,000 card holders. The library also houses a special collection of Chinese and Russian materials.

For the purposes of research and reference, the library makes available access to the Internet through 14 PC's in the Reference and Children's areas. The library offers access to online databases which provide citations and full-text articles in thousands of journals and newspapers.

The Ebsco database is accessible to home users with library cards through the library's home page at www.mhl.org. In addition to Internet access, the library PCs have CD-ROM products which provide business, biographical, historical, and country information. Word processors are also available for use in the library.

Through its membership in the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC), the library provides access to a computerized catalog of the holdings of 29 libraries. In addition, the library has access to the more than 38 million holdings throughout 65 countries. Memorial Hall Library serves as the center for Regional Reference and Research and Inter-Library Loan for 250 libraries in the Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System (NMRLS).

The Children's Room provides many varied and inviting resources for children from infancy through sixth grade. The collection includes books, magazines, puzzles, CD's, audio and video cassettes, software, and "books-on-tape." Special themes literature kits ("Litkits") are available for nursery and day care groups to borrow for their classrooms. Children's Librarians assist children and their parents with book selection, research,homework projects and learning to use the Internet.

The Children's Room also offers daytime story hours for tots, toddlers and pre-school children as well as evening story hours for 3-and-a-half to 5-year-old children. Other special programs include adventure and reading clubs, new baby story hours, concerts, storytellers, nature and craft programs, puppet and magic shows. Each summer's full range of activities for all ages is planned to promote involvement with books and reading during vacation. All programs and materials are free.

Jim Sutton

Special Programs

- Art exhibitions including month long shows of works by local artists.
- Museum passes providing free admission to the Boston Children's Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, The John F. Kennedy Library, Salem's Peabody Museum, the Stone and Franklin Park Zoo, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.
- Book Discussion Groups including Great Books Discussions.
- Sunday Concerts.
- Wednesday morning programs on special topics
- Spring and Fall Book Sale.
- e-books and more.

Community Information

Memorial Hall Library has developed a list of organizations and services available in the Merrimack Valley to assist people needing this information. This "Community Information" data base is part of the computerized catalog and can be accessed by the calling the library Reference Department at 623-8401, ext. 32 or by visiting the library in person. Individuals may conduct their own search on the public access terminals in the library. Some of the kinds of services listed are social services, clubs, organizations, government agencies, consumer and legal agencies, education or career agencies, entertainment facilities, day care sites, homeless shelters, counseling services, and cultural activities. Memorial Hall Library is overseen by a seven member Board of Library Trustees and it is supported by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

Jim Sutton is Director of Memorial Hall Library.

The Welcome Center

The staff at the Andover Town House, a.k.a. Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., have been helping people learn more about Andover since 1989, when the renovation of the 1858 building was completed and it was re-opened to the public. In addition to the post office annex, the building is home to the Council on Aging Drop-in Center, the town's Welcome Center, the town and school facilities rental office, and a function hall on the second floor.

The public restrooms and the post office annex are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. The Welcome Center and the facilities rental office are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the Council on Aging Drop-in Center operates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Welcome Center has maps of Andover, information about town programs like recycling and Community Services programs. It also has information about public transportation, local athletic leagues, civic groups and social organizations.

The function hall on the second floor of the Town House is available to rent for private parties, weddings, seminars and performing arts events. Town and school athletic fields, gymnasiums and auditoriums are also available to rent.

For more information about the Welcome Center or renting town and school space, call facilities coordinator Lisa Wilson at 623-8450.

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The Weebus is lift-equipped, curb-to-curb transportation for elderly and disabled residents for any trip within the Greater Lawrence area. Service is available Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Service is not available Sundays and holidays.

Dial-A-Ride is lift-equipped, door-to-door transportation for disabled residents for any trip within or outside of greater Lawrence. Service is available in Andover Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday and holiday service is offered subject to availability and only by appointment with 24-hour advanced registration. Call (978) 469-6870 for these special services.

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Routes 21 and 22 are shuttle services between Andover center and Shawsheen and Ballardvale, respectively.

Route 32 services downtown Andover, returning to the Intown Mall in Lawrence. The MVRTA also provides a special bus for employees of the Internal Revenue Service and Raytheon Co. to downtown Lawrence.

The MVRTA also provides service between the Reading commuter rail station and Andover to link gaps in the train service.

Routes cost $1. On all routes, 50-cent fares are available for seniors, disabled persons and students. Children under 5 are allowed to ride free with an adult. Discount passes and tickets are also available. Schedules can be found at the town offices, Old Town Hall and the Andover Senior Center. For more information, call the MVRTA at (978) 469-1254 or visit their Web site at www.mvrta.com.

Commuter bus

Trombly Bus Lines provides commuter bus service from Andover to Boston Monday through Friday only, picking up between 6:35 and 8 a.m. for the commute to Boston and leaving Boston between 4:15 and 5:55 p.m. for the return trip to Andover. The bus stops on North Main Street in Shawsheen Square, and on downtown Main Street in front of Olde Andover Village, and it makes several other pickups along Route 28 on its way into and out of town. The cost is $4.75 for a one-way, full fare (over 12 years old); $2.50 for a one-way, half fare (under 12); and $4.25 for senior citizens. Discount books are available. Schedules can be picked up at the town offices and at the reference desk at Memorial Hall Library. Call (978) 937-3626 for further information.

MBTA commuter rail

Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority trains provide commuter rail service between Haverhill and Boston for Andover residents.

Trains stop at the commuter stations at Railroad and Andover streets, where parking is available.

But, because so many people take the trains to Boston in the morning, all the spaces in these lots can frequently be taken before 7:30 a.m. Town and state officials have discussed ways to improve the situation.

Schedules and fare information are available at the reference desk at Memorial Hall Library and from the MBTA by calling (800) 392-6100 or (617) 222-3200. Information can also be obtained at www. mbta.com.

Taxi Service

Andover cab companies include: A & K Auto Route, 125 Bypass, 475-2227; Andover Cab Co., 19 Barnard St., 474-4244; and Doran's Livery & Courier Service, 11 Lupine Rd., 470-3383.

EZTRANS

For getting to and from the senior center, residents of Andover, Lawrence and North Andover can use EZTRANS, which is available for a nominal fee to elders and persons with disabilities. Applications for EZTRANS are required and can be obtained at the senior center on 36 Bartlet St.

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From left : Brenda Sternfeld, president, 1999-2000; Tina Young, president, 2000-01 and Regina Shelley, publicity, 2000-01.

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Membership is open to both new and established residents.

For more information, call Heather Petro at 474-0429 in Andover or Jackie Hesketh at 686-3096 in North Andover.

Flu shots and more: Andover's health department

Health Director **Everett F. Penney Jr.**, Dan Tremblay, health officer, and Joanne Martel, public health nurse, enforce the state and town health codes, run health programs and advise the Board of Health on health issues.

The Board of Health administers a number of clinical, environmental and administrative health programs. It also organizes the annual hazardous waste collection at West Elementary School.

Board members, who are appointed for three years, include **Dr. Douglas Dunbar, Daniel Coleman, and Joseph Pelc.**

The Health Department can be reached weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 623-8295.

AVIS: Conservation areas

Andover Village Improvement Society is the second-oldest land preservation society in the country. Founded for the purpose of making Andover clean and beautiful, it is dedicated to conservation.

AVIS owns and manages more than 1,000 acres of conservation land in Andover, including 27 miles of trails on 22 reservations.

Maps of the AVIS reservations are available at Moor and Mountain outfitters in Dundee Park, from the Conservation Commission office at town offices, and at Memorial Hall Library.

Reservations include Baker's Meadow, Burns, Collins, Deer Jump, Goldsmith Woodlands, Ann Rawlins Greene, Hammond Skug River, Indian Ridge, Purdon Gift, Harold R. Rafton, Rocky Hill, Sanborn, Shawsheen River, Spaulding, Stanley, Stevens, Sunset Rock, Vale, West Parish Meadow, Wilkinson.

AVIS depends on volunteer help for map makers, bridge builders and wardens, who are the caretakers of each reservation.

The organization meets the first Tuesday of each month. Nat Smith, president, 475-1209.

Recreation Park and Pomps Pond

Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

One of Andover's park and recreation areas is Recreation Park on Abbot Street. Commonly known as Rec Park, it contains tennis courts and basketball courts, a softball field and picnic area, and also Pomps Pond, a beach open during the summer.

Andover residents can buy a $30 sticker for their cars that allows them to park at the pond for a year.

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This was the scene during last year's West Parish Church Craft Fair. This year, the 25th annual fair promises to offer even more crafts and activities, according to organizers.

West Parish Church fair: 25 years and still going strong

Twenty-five years ago, the women's group at Andover's West Parish Church decided to hold their first annual craft fair. It was meant to be an extension of a church-wide fair that had been held for a number of years, but would be open to the public. They had a successful day that included crafts made by many church members plus a variety of food, games, and activities for children and adults alike.

Hence, a tradition was started. Each year since then, the Women's Evening Circle has held a craft fair, typically on the first weekend of November. During the '80s and early '90s, the fair expanded to two days with more than 150 professional, juried crafts people. Bette Henderson, president of the Circle, contends that theirs is

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OBITUARIES

Sydney I. Rosenberg

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Temple Emanuel Cemetery, Lawrence.

Condolence calls may be made Saturday, Nov. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 5 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rosenberg, 70 Court St., North Andover.

Arrangements are by Goldman-Fisher Funeral Chapel, Malden.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Emanuel.

Melina E. Kasabian

Was DeMoulas office manager

Melina E. (Yeterian) Kasabian, of Andover Street, died Tuesday, Oct. 31 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Kasabian was an office manager at DeMoulas Markets at Central and Westgate plazas in Haverhill for 22 years before retiring in 1988.

She was born and educated in Haverhill and graduated from Haverhill High School.

She was the widow of Reuben Kasabian.

Members of her family include her sons and daughters-in-law, Robert J. and Elizabeth Kasakian of Ashburn, Va. and David R. and Anna Kasabian of Boston; daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and David Sharp of North Andover and Virginia and Thomas Gendron of Haverhill; sisters, Esther DeVito of Bradford and Virginia Shrestinian of Andover; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Nov. 2 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Dole, Childs & Shaw Funeral Home, 148 Main St., Haverhill.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 158 Main St., North Andover. Burial will be in West Parish Cemetery.

Daniel F. Roberson

Was a letter carrier for 28 years in the Wakefield area

Daniel F. Roberson, 81, of Lupine Road, formerly of Wakefield, died Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Prescott House.

He was born in Liverpool, England, and came this country as a young boy. He graduated from Melrose High School in 1937. He attended Bentley College.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Army in the Tank Division. He was a letter carrier for 28 years in the Wakefield area. He was a member of South Church in Andover, the VFW, the National Association of Letter Carriers, and the American Legion of Wakefield.

Members of his family include his wife of 52 years, Lois A. (Durgin) Roberson; a son and daugther-in-law, Daniel, Jr. and Jean Roberson of Tewksbury; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane E. and Roger Allen of Nashua, N.H.; seven grandchildren; a great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at South Church, Central Street. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Friends may call tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center:

Art Class: Artist Merry Bennato will offer a four-session art class using French dyes on Monday afternoons beginning on Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m. No experience is necessary and all materials for this creative and fun class may be purchased directly from the instructor. Pre-registration appreciated; the class fee is $25.

Holiday Bazaar: The Friends of the Andover Senior Center will sponsor this year's holiday bazaar scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with proceeds benefiting the Friends group. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer in some capacity, contact Rita Carrier.

Ham & Bean Supper: The senior center will hold its annual ham and bean supper on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for those under 12. Families and friends cordially invited. Advance purchase only. Tickets now on sale.

Brown Bag Lunch/Lecture: "The Bostonians: Painters Of An Elegant Era" will be enjoyed through lecture and slide show on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at noon. Presenter will be Mary Grinnell. Bring a bag lunch; we'll supply dessert and beverages. Reservations $2. Please give us a call if you'd like to join us.

Fiddler On The Roof: Tickets are now on sale for one of Broadway's all-time favorite musicals, *Fiddler On The Roof*. We'll be traveling to the North Shore Music Theater on Wednesday, Nov. 15 for the 2 p.m. matinee. Cost is $35, which includes ticket and bus transportation. Those who are interested in traveling with us are encouraged to sign up early.

An Introduction To Japanese Culture: On Monday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m., we invite you to join Emi Nakatsukasa for a presentation on Japanese culture. Learn Japanese greetings, enjoy a short story about the Japanese tea ceremony, and sample some Japanese sweets and snacks. Tickets are $2.

Youth Center Forum: On Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m., Peg Campbell from the Andover Youth Foundation will be at the center for a presentation and question-and-answer session on the new proposed youth center. All interested seniors are invited to attend.

Thanksgiving Dinner: The senior center will host a Thanksgiving dinner, turkey with all the trimmings, on Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon. Tickets are $3; they went on sale Wednesday, Nov. 1. Seating is limited to 100 people.

Computer Interest Group: The computer interest group will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the computer lab in the "drop in" center on the first floor of Old Town Hall. This month's discussion will focus on "Your Computer Maintenance: How and Why" with guest speaker Joe Mongano, technical specialist at Memorial Hall Library. For further information, call Don Sagaser at 475-6116

Wellness Workshops: If you're too busy to join an ongoing class or would just like to try out a different option, we invite you to attend two upcoming health enhancement workshops. "Deep Breathing and Meditation" will be offered by Nana Dunn on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. And, on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m., Chi Gong health exercises will be led and explained by Lisa Kirshon. Both workshops are appropriate for all fitness levels, and there is no charge.

Informational Coffee Hour: Any newcomers to the center or anyone wishing for further information about classes, programs, activities, trips, or services is cordially invited to attend our next newcomers coffee hour on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 9:30 a.m. If you're already a "regular," invite a friend or neighbor to come down and find out about the many programs that the center has to offer.

Men's Breakfast: The men's group will hold their monthly breakfast on Friday, Nov. 17 at 8:30 a.m. This month's topic is "Winter Wellness and Workouts" with guest speakers Michael Burke and Jim Kallio. Whether you're just getting ready to shovel snow or preparing for cross country skiing come and get some beneficial tips. All interested senior men are cordially invited to make a reservation for $3.

Flu Shot date: Nov. 16

The Board of Health will conduct a flu shot clinic for Andover residents on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at the Andover High School field house. Anyone with questions should call the board of health at 623-8299.

Obituaries are a free service of the *Townsman*, which receives information from funeral homes and family members

Business

Business briefs...

Andover's John O'Donnell receives fellow award

Medford Co-operative Bank senior vice president John O'Donnell of Andover was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Rotary Club of Lexington at the annual installation of officers.

John O'Donnell

"The award is given to an individual who has contributed great amounts of time to the community and has demonstrated tangible and significant assistance for better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world," says a bank press release.

The award is named after the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, who died in 1947.

O'Donnell has been a member of the Rotary Club of Lexington since September 1995 and served as chairman of the Patriots Day Event in 1998, 1999 and 2000. He also served as vice chairperson of the 1999 Lexington Rotary Club Barbecue Battle and chairman of the 2000 Barbecue Festival.

In 1996, O'Donnell joined Medford Co-operative Bank to assist in the expansion of the bank's Business Banking Division.

Stankiewicz elected trustee of women's union

Anthony K. Stankiewicz, of Andover, was elected a trustee of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union (WEIU), Boston, at its recently held 123rd Annual meeting. Stankiewicz, an attorney, serves as vice president of listings, member services and government relations, and corporate secretary for the Boston Stock Exchange.

Anthony Stankiewicz

He is a life member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, a member of the Urban League and president of Suffolk University Law School Alumni Association.

Comeau joins new firm

Bill Comeau has joined Keller Williams Realty at 63 Park St., where he will continue his real estate career.

Comeau, a credentialed graduate of Lee Institute, is fully licensed. He earned a CBR, an accreditation that provided him training as a fiduciary, and to work as a buyer's

Andover firm fills high-tech staffing needs

Searches for those already on the Web

By Jennifer Lappin

Preferred Resource Group Inc. set up shop in downtown Andover during the summer of 1999.

This three-women team, headed by founder and president Barbara Marchetti aims to aid emerging high-tech companies with their senior-management staffing needs.

"It's woman owned and we're totally playing in a man's world. We're not a candy store, a shoe store, or a restaurant. This is a company that helps emerging companies turn over millions and millions of dollars," said Marchetti.

Barbara Marchetti has been in the management-consulting business for more than nine years, and entered this Bartlet Street business venture having already owned and operated an executive-recruitment company for the service industry. However, Marchetti, originally from Andover, sought out relatively unmarked territory by creating Preferred Resource Group to service the new economy.

This Andover consulting firm caters to established, pre-IPO (companies that have not sold their stock publicly) high-tech companies by filling growth and staff needs through a retained search. This means clients interested in staffing their top-tier management positions would pay Preferred Resource Group a portion of a finder's fee up front, and then Preferred Research would conduct a local and/or national candidate search to fill the positions.

"We rely heavily on technology as well as our network in our search. I'm not going to tell you our secrets but we use the Internet and it drastically reduces our time to find these people by 80 percent," explained Marchetti.

Typically, executive searches typically take up to six months before identifying the best candidate for the job. However, six months might as well be converted into dog years in the Internet age.

High-tech companies can't wait that long, and so Preferred Resource Group conducts its recruitment search in fewer than 90 days. Marchetti plugs her company's additional prowess by saying, "We do not just identify talent, but help them (client companies) identify strategies for growth."

When asked about how Preferred Resource Group has dealt with recent market fluctuations in the emergent, high-tech industry, Marchetti responded, "It has helped us sharpen our focus. Now we only work with funded companies.

"The talent in the last six months prefers to be with a funded organization. These people are a little more risk averse, and would rather not be at an early-stage company."

Hundreds of high-tech and dot-com companies have located in Andover in the past few years. Preferred Resource Group often taps into this talented labor pool to fill CEO, CFO, vice president, and other executive positions for its clients.

Those interested in enlarging their company or filling existing managerial staffing, and executives looking for a change of pace in the new economy can click over to preferredsource.com for further information.

Oldest old-book shop moving on down

Andover Books & Prints, the Merrimack Valley's oldest antiquarian book shop, has relocated to the first floor and lower level of the carriage house at 68 Park St. in Andover, after occupying the upper floors of this same building since 1984.

An open house and sale will celebrate the move today, Thursday, Nov. 2 through Sunday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"While many other such book shops have closed their doors due to the advent of the computer and Internet, I plan to continue," said owner David Rodger. "I believe that it is important for browsers, readers and collectors to be able to see and touch an old, unusual or beautiful book for themselves rather than relying on a description or picture on the Internet.

Rodger says that people "from other parts of the country and the world really do make a point of coming to Andover for books when visiting New England."

From Mass. Cultural Council for outreach to museums, libraries

Document center garners new grant

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) in Brickstone Square, has been awarded a grant of $59,150 from the Organizational Support Program for Cultural Organizations by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency.

The state awards grants to cultural organizations through a competitive process. This is the second of three years of funding which will provide funds for NEDCC's outreach services to Massachusetts cultural organizations.

The Northeast Document Conservation Center provides outreach services to help museums, libraries, and historical organizations to preserve cultural heritage collections.

It provides consulting services and technical literature, performs surveys of preservation needs, conducts workshops and seminars, and provides disaster planning and assistance.

NEDCC was founded in 1973 with a threefold mission, according to a release:

- to improve the preservation programs of cultural institutions;
- to provide the highest quality conservation and reformatting services to institutions that do not have in-house conservation facilities or that require specialized expertise; and
- to provide leadership within the preservation and conservation fields.

NEDCC is a nonprofit, regional conservation center, specializing in the treatment of paper-based materials including books, photographs, architectural drawings, maps, posters, documents, and works of art on paper for libraries, archives, museums, and other collection-holding institutions as well as private collections. It performs paper conservation, book binding, preservation microfilming, and duplication of photographic negatives on a fee for service basis.

To learn more about NEDCC programs and services, visit its Web site at <www.nedcc.org>; or write to Northeast Document Conservation Center, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover 01810; or call 470-1010.

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Professional Profile

Dr. Paul M. Schoonman

Schoonman Chiropractic and Rehabilitation

Dr. Paul M. Schoonman is pleased to announce that he is now practicing at FirstHealth of Andover in Dundee Park. In addition to Dr. Schoonman's chiropractic and rehabilitation practice, FirstHealth practitioners offer a variety of therapeutic options all under one roof, allowing coordination of services for the maximum benefit of their clients. Dr. Schoonman's commitment to self-empowerment healthcare is one of the guiding principals at FirstHealth, where patients are partners in their health care.

Dr. Schoonman combines traditional chiropractic treatment with the latest rehabilitation techniques, which he has studied in extensive postgraduate work. After a careful evaluation Dr. Schoonman designs a treatment program that will help patients manage even complicated and/or chronic cases of musculoskeletal pain. In conjunction with formal treatment in the office, he teaches patients effective stretches and exercises which they can also do at home. This gives the patients the tools they need to help speed their recovery and lessen the need for formal treatment.

Dr. Schoonman also believes it is important to work with his patients in coordinating treatment with their medical doctor and any other health care providers such as massage therapists.

Dr. Schoonman has been honored two years in a row by being named the area's Number One chiropractic and rehabilitation practitioner by a local marketing survey group.

Call (978) 474-4122 for an appointment or free consultation. The office is located at One Dundee Park, Suites 1 & 2, Andover. Many health insurances are accepted.

Joan Browne 11/2/00

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agent. He plans to continue to specialize in the real-estate market of Andover, North Andover, and the surrounding communities.

Bill Comeau

Previously, Comeau was with RE/MAX Preferred in Andover where he was named "top licensed assistant" in 1999.

New educational director at Controls

Peter Wilson is the new director of the educational services at Andover Controls.

Based in the company's Andover headquarters at Brickstone Square, Wilson will have overall responsibility for every aspect of training, classroom as well as computer-based, both for customers and authorized Andover Controls representatives.

Wilson's previous position with the company was senior product instructor.

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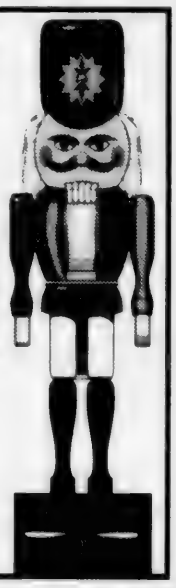

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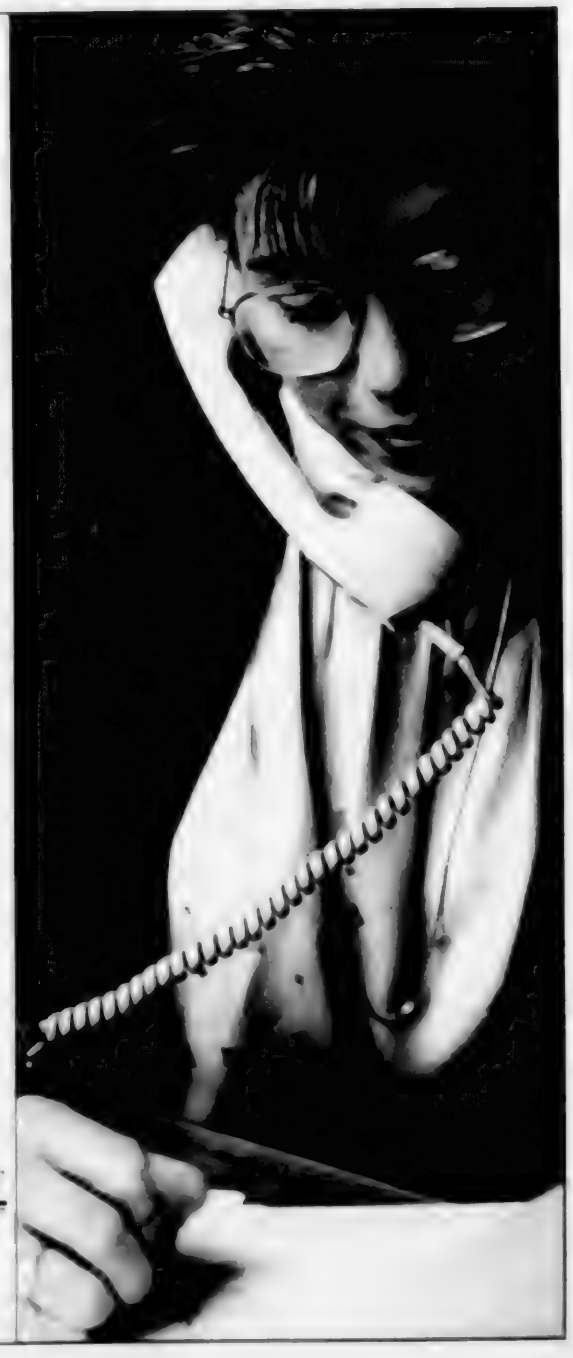

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the longest running craft fair in the area.

While scaled down a bit from the enormous two-day events of the past, this year's fair promises to be an exceptional one. Becky Hill and June Fitzgerald, co-chairs of the fair, have selected the many professional crafts people – some new and some who have been coming over a number of years. These crafters offer a variety of one-of-a-kind items, including wooden and tin articles, jewelry, many types of Christmas decorations, stained glass, fabric and knitted items, jams, jellies, relishes, plum pudding, and more.

In addition to crafts, the fair will include some of the old-time church fair activities such as children's games, face painting, prizes, and an opportunity for children to create a holiday gift of their choice. The church has even published a new cookbook that will be sold. Both a white elephant table and a bake table will be well stocked. Breakfast items and a full lunch menu will be available as well. There will be something to pique everyone's interest.

The 25th Annual West Parish Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the church buildings on the corner of Reservation Road and Route 133 in Andover. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no admission charge.

ACA's Holiday Open House is Dec. 8

The Andover Center Association will holding its annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Organizers suggest that townspeople kick off their holiday shopping and enjoy refreshments offered by more than 65 downtown Andover businesses.

For more information, call Tom Keefe at 475-7872.

Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, Dec. 16

The Center Association will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa the following week, on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

"Come join in the fun, have breakfast and your picture taken with Santa. Let him know how good you've been this year and what you would like to find under your Christmas tree!" said Tom Keefe.

For more information, call Keefe at 475-7872.

December Holidays flower show is a success

Spade and Trowel and Village Garden Clubs of Andover presented a flower show preview of holiday floral design on Oct. 26 and 27 at Marland Place. The assisted living community, located at 15 Stevens St., gave the garden clubs the use of the community room and lobby, providing an elegant setting for the floral arrangements. The show, chaired by Mary Arakelian, Kathy Baun, Vicki Coderre, and Palla Schreurs, all of Andover, featured 32 floral arrangements emphasizing fresh plant material. During the two-day event, 650 people enjoyed the exhibits and the residents and staff of Marland Place were special guests of the show. A one-hour cable television presentation was filmed by MediaOne for later broadcast.

The Village Garden Club was given the club competition award for a charming vignette of a cookie baking scene viewed through a window. Valerie Kafka of the Sharon Garden Club received the table artistry award. The tricolor award for design went to Phoebe Hunt of the Schuylerville, N.Y. Garden Club for floral interpretation of a winter print. Local blue ribbon winners were Sara Baun in the holiday china exhibition class, and Karen Schnorrenberg in the snack tray division, both of Andover. Michelle Mensinger of the Derry, N.H. Garden Club received a blue ribbon for her creative fireplace mantel decoration and Cathy Schwenk of Peterborough, N.H. placed first in the door decoration category.

Horticultural entries included over 100 specimens of evergreens, berried branches and house plants. Leslie Frost of the Andover Garden Club received both the horticultural excellence award and the arboreal award for a rare specimen of contorted pine. The award of merit went to Mary Kay Orlando of Spade and Trowel for a mini dendrobium orchid.

In cooperation with the Shawsheen River Watershed Council, the Spade and Trowel Garden Club presented an educational exhibit on the benefits of gardening to birds. The wildlife photography of Kevin Talbot was included. The educational award was given to the Village Garden Club for an exhibit entitled "Identifying and Using Pine Cones." The garden clubs are service organizations which enhance the life of their communities through a variety of education, conservation, and civic beautification projects.

Photo by Tim Jean

◀ At the December Holidays flower show, presented by the Spade and Trowel Garden Club and the Village Garden Club, Michelle Mensinger of the Derry (N.H.) Garden Club received a blue ribbon for her creative fireplace mantel decoration. The show was held Oct. 26 and 27 at Marland Place.

AARP local meeting set for Nov. 14

Janet Heyman will speak at the regular 1:30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday Nov. 14 meeting of the Andover-North Andover chapter of AARP, at the Senior Center, Whittier Court. Her subject will be the Mount Auburn cemetery, Watertown. She will talk about the cemetery's world-renowned horticulture and the famous people buried there.

A chapter business meeting will open the program. This is when there is usually a report about what national AARP is trying to do to help its members with their problems and opportunities. Questions from the floor can address local problems. Prior to hearing the featured speaker, the meeting will be adjourned for a social period, during which there are refreshments and an opportunity meet and socialize.

Chapter president Eleanor Fritsch reminds members and guests that for another year the chapter is supporting Lazarus House of Lawrence, with contributions of non-perishable food and paper goods. There will be a container at the front of the room.

Lazarus House assists the homeless and disadvantaged.

New date, time for annual Sandra Shaker Road Race, walkathon

The Annual Sandra Shaker Memorial Road Race will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday Nov. 5, at the Phillips Academy Field House. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Cancer Management Center at the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category of runners, and to the top three people who bring in the most pledges. T-shirts will be given to the first 100 applicants. Runners will begin the 5-mile route at 10 a.m. The walkers also go off at 10 a.m. for the 3.1 mile walkathon. The racers will follow an undulating course through Andover. Runners and walkers of all ages are encouraged to participate in the race. The pre-race entry fee is $10. The race day entry fee is $12, which will be waived for entrants collecting $30 or more in pledges. For race applications and more information, contact Larry Ardito at Toscano & Ardito, 688-2880.

Christ Church fair seeks recipient of fair profits

Once again, the Christ Church 2000, "A Celebration of Christmas" fair, will donate 10 percent of its profits to a non-profit organization that is not affiliated with the Church.

The fair takes place Saturday, Dec. 2. Fore more information, call 475-0529.

Bachner's marathon goal in sight

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on her behalf are planned at Sanborn Elementary, and friends of the family are planning others.

"The exciting thing about this is that I'm not a runner," she says. Be that as it may, these days Bachner runs.

The first thing she had to do to prepare was to get off the treadmill, which she says inadequately simulates running outdoors, especially on the hilly terrain of a place like Boston. "I could run a marathon right now on a treadmill," she avers.

So she runs on the road, three to four days a week. One of these days she does a long run of between 10 and 13 miles; the other days she runs "only" six to eight miles. Starting out from her home in Salem, N.H., she often runs through Andover, the town where she grew up. On the days she does not run, she cross-trains with weights and resistance exercises.

She also participates in every local race she can find. She is proud of the two hours flat in which she completed the 13 miles of the Baystate Half Marathon, and this past Sunday she ran in the Shirt Factory Five race in Salem. On Thanksgiving she will run in the Feaster Five in Andover.

And in January, she says, the Boston Marathon will host a 16 mile training race in New Hampshire. In addition to feeling great, Bachner claims what she calls the "dual benefit" of having lost three dress sizes.

She expects training in the bitter cold of the New England winter to be challenging, but she is not losing sight of her goal or her reason for pursuing it.

"It'll be a really hard day of running," she says of the marathon, "but that's nothing compared to what families dealing with cancer have to go through every day. Not a day goes by that I don't regret not having my mother."

Anyone wishing to contribute to Tara Bachner's fundraising effort may send checks made payable to Dana-Farber, to Bachner at 14 Hawk Drive, Salem, NH 03079.

Sports

AHS fall varsity teams preparing for tournament action

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High girls swim and dive team flexed its muscles as dual meet wins by freshman Lily Marcuse and All-American sophomore Connie and Sally Bowen, and by AHS a sweep of the diving events by Jen Bailey, Lindsay Lodge and Kirsten Hampson produced the Lady Warriors by a [illegible] score over Chelmsford in their dual meet showdown at the Lowell YMCA pool.

The Lady Warriors formed the battle for the Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet title, with a daughter placing first in all six events to pick the Lions by the most lopsided margin in the history of their rivalry.

The win gave coach Marilyn Fitzgerald's AHS crew its second straight conference crown, and stretched the defending state champ's win streak through 24 meets.

Andover finished the regular season at 12-0 overall, including 9-0 in the MVC, while runner-up Chelmsford once again was forced to settle for 10-1 overall and 8-1 in the conference.

"The depth of our team really hit me at the meet," said coach Fitzgerald. "This was a totally different lineup from the one that swept against Acton-Boxboro and Belmont — our other two toughest opponents.

"I expected us to take first in every event, but it was all the second and third places that made the score so one-sided."

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In Monday night's Andover-Chelmsford MVC [illegible] on the girls volleyball court, a furious third-game rally fell short as the Lady Warriors dropped another 2-1 decision to Chelmsford and had to settle for second place in Division 1 of the conference.

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AHS boys senior cross country runner Tim Galebach, 6-2, [illegible] second-place at completing a very perfect season in the Merrimack Valley Conference, missing out when he finished second to Central Catholic's Chris Grange at the annual MVC Championship Meet at Chelmsford High.

Galebach, who won six dual and tri-meet races this fall, led for half the race but finished 10 seconds behind the winner as Andover placed fourth in a nine-school field.

On the girls side, Lady Warrior runners Laura O'Connell and Sheena Patel were a strong second and third individually as the locals finished second to Chelmsford in an 11-school field.

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On the links, the Andover High golf team tied South Hadley High for fifth place in the All-State Division 1 Championship held in rain and 44-degree temperatures at Waverly Oaks CC in Plymouth.

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Two Andover athletes were accorded the Merrimack Valley Conference's highest accolade, senior field hockey player Abby Dennehy voted the Most Valuable Player of the league and senior volleyball standout Robin Young selected co-MVP in that sport.

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The Andover High field hockey team was seeded No. 17 in a state-high 20-team field in the Division 1 North Tournament.

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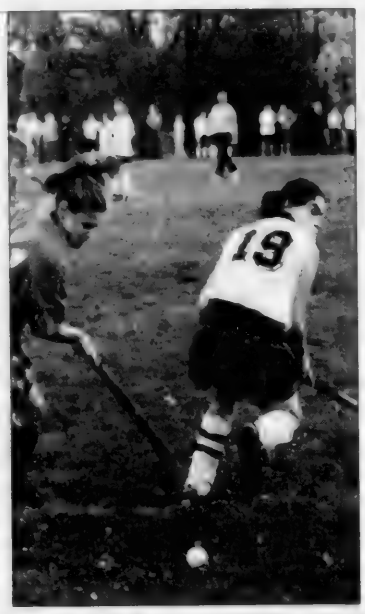

Photos by Tim Jean

The Andover High field hockey team, seeded No. 17 in a state-high 20-team field in the Division 1 North Tournament, plays today, Thursday, at 2:30 p.m. in a preliminary round game at No. 16 seed Westford Academy of the Dual County League. The game was rescheduled from Tuesday due to inclement weather. If AHS wins today it will advance to a first-round game against top seed Danvers. In the AHS season finale (photos), playing in front of the largest crowd of the season, Tewksbury edged out Andover, 1-0, in a game Tewksbury needed to win to grab its first-ever Merrimack Valley Conference championship. Clockwise, from above left, AHS players are: conference MVP Abby Dennehy, Grace Farnham, Dennehy, and Lindsay Shaheen.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Andover High varsity volleyball team was unable to repeat as Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champion, finishing one match behind Chelmsford after the Lions posted their second 2-1 victory of the season over the locals at Monday night's 14th annual MVC Volleyball Night.

AHS led 15-14 in the first game before losing in overtime. After winning the second game, Andover fell behind 14-2 in game three before scoring seven straight points to throw a scare into the Lions.

Chelmsford finally scored match point and came away with the hard-fought 17-15, 12-15, 15-9 victory.

Both Andover and Chelmsford finished with 18-2 overall records, but the Lady Warriors were 13-2 in league play and Chelmsford finished at 14-1 (only loss to Haverhill).

The Lions' earlier 2-1 win over Andover came when they erased a 10-2 third-game deficit to win, 16-14.

The Chelmsford match was preceded by 2-0 sweeps of non-league Newton South and MVC rival Methuen.

All-Conference

AHS senior outside hitter and Capt. Robin Young and Chelmsford setter Kendall Rizzo were named MVC Division 1 Players-of-the-Year.

It was the second such honor for Young, who was voted MVC Division 2 Player-of-the-Year in 1999.

Joining Young on the All-Conference Team are Julie Marvin, Michelle Leahy and Shannon Sweeney. Megan Pinksten was selected to the MVC All-Star Team.

The squads were announced during Monday's annual MVC Volleyball Night at Chelmsford High.

George Sullivan was also named MVC Division 1 Coach-of-the-Year.

Schedule

The Division 1 North Tournament pairings were scheduled to be released yesterday.

The Lady Warriors are expected to be among the top three seeds and will play their tournament opener at the Dunn Gym — most likely Saturday at 7 p.m.

Chelmsford 2
Andover 1

Not closing out the first game was a big key to the Lady Warriors' downfall.

"The first game killed us," said Sullivan. "We couldn't get the 16th point. We kept banging the ball into the net (with the 15-14 lead) and eventually they took it (the win) away from us.

"We also had 10 bad serves in the match and they all came at critical times.

"Our kids left every ounce of energy out on the floor," added Sullivan. "The third game comeback took alot out of them. We just ran out of gas at the end.

"Part of Chelmsford's strategy was to try and wear down Robin (Young), Julie (Marvin) and Shannon (Sweeney) on serve-receive. And it worked because they never came out of the match."

Young finished 26-for-34 hitting, with nine kills, and 18-for-18 serving with one ace.

Marvin checked out 27-for-37 hitting and 9-for-13 serving with seven kills and one ace.

Shannon Sweeney was 11-for-12 serving and 18-for-20 hitting with four kills.

Michelle Leahy was almost perfect on the night, 8-for-9 hitting and 11-for-12 serving with four kills and two aces.

Other strong hitters were Megan Pinksten (11-for-13, six kills), Andrea Manners (4-for-5, one kill) and Maura McCurdy (3-for-3).

McCurdy was also 12-for-14 serving, with two aces, and Amanda Camelio 7-for-9 serving.

Playing well for Chelmsford were Lauren Dufresne, Becky Ciulla, setter Kendall Rizzo and middle hitter Kristen Dowling.

"We didn't block well tonight," said Sullivan. "We have stronger hitters than they do — but they have taller kids that are better blockers.

"We may get a third shot at them in the tournament," concluded the coach.

And the third time is supposed to be the charm.

Andover 2
Methuen 0

In the final pre-Chelmsford tune-

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AHS ROUNDUP

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up, the Lady Warriors rolled 15-3 in game one and erased an 11-10 deficit in game two on the way to a 15-11 victory.

Julie Marvin served out the second game with five straight points after the Rangers took the one-point lead.

"We lost our composure for a short time in the second game — but for the most part everyone played well," said coach Sullivan.

Robin Young continued her season-long string of solid performances with 11-for-11 hitting, eight kills and 5-for-6 serving.

Marvin finished 7-for-8 hitting and 9-for-10 serving with six kills and two aces.

Shannon Sweeney had a big match with eight kills, 10-for-10 hitting and 11-for-11 serving.

Michelle Leahy was 5-for-6 serving, with three aces, and 2-for-3 hitting with one kill.

Megan Pinksten contributed five kills, 8-for-9 hitting and 1-for-1 serving.

Also serving well were Hilary Cohen (4-for-4), Ashley McLaughlin (4-for-4), Maura McCurdy (3-for-4, one ace) and Amanda Camelio (3-for-4).

Jackie Barry, Andrea Manners, Meagan Merinder and McLaughlin were all 1-for-1 hitting.

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Coach Art Iworsley's AHS junior varsity rolled to a 2-0 victory in the prelim, winning 15-1 and 15-4 behind strong all-around play by Stephanie Krey, Courtney Gatlin, Meagan Merinder and Ashley McLaughlin.

That victory enabled the JVs to finish at 15-4 overall.

Andover 2
Newton South 0

The game scores, 15-9 and 15-12, were not indicative of how the Lady Warriors' dominated.

The locals led the second game, 14-2, but didn't score match point until the visitors had clicked off 10 straight points to close the gap.

"We had reserves on the court and they got caught standing around. It seemed like no one wanted to hit the ball," said coach Sullivan.

Robin Young, Julie Marvin and Megan Pinksten were the top hitters, Young 12-for-15 with six kills, Marvin 11-for-14 with five kills and Pinksten 11-for-12 with three kills.

Young also went 5-for-6 serving with two aces and Marvin 11-for-12 with three aces.

Michelle Leahy was 8-for-8 serving and 4-for-4 hitting, with four aces and three kills, while Shannon Sweeney finished 4-for-5 serving and 3-for-4 hitting with one ace and two kills.

Other top hitters were Andrea Manners (4-for-5, one kill) and Jackie Barry, Hilary Cohen and Meagan Merinder (all 1-for-1).

Amanda Camelio finished 14-for-15 serving, with five aces, while Cohen went 4-for-4 with one ace, Barry 4-for-6 and Maura McCurdy 2-for-2.

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Newton South beat the Andover JVs 2-0 in the prelim, overcoming an 8-3 deficit in the first game to register a 15-12, 15-4 sweep.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Despite total confidence in the ability of her team, AHS head swim and dive coach Marilyn Fitzgerald didn't get much sleep the night before the big meet with Chelmsford.

"I woke up at 3 a.m. with the same feeling of excitement I have before every huge meet. I love that feeling. It's one of the main reasons I coach."

This is the third straight year the Andover-Chelmsford dual-meet finale has determined the MVC champ.

Two years ago the Lions prevailed, 100-83, while last October Andover chalked up a 100-85 win.

With this year's 113-71 romp, Andover is now 33-2 in its last 35 meets and 49-7 in the last 56.

Schedule

The annual two-day MVC Championship Meet, the only title that eluded the Lady Warriors last fall, begins with the diving competition this afternoon at the Lowell High pool.

The Division 1 swim races will be held tomorrow at Haverhill High.

The North Sectionals are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11 at Regis College in Weston and the season-ending All-State Meet will be Sunday, Nov. 19 at Wellesley College.

AHS has qualified an amazing 25 swimmers and divers for the North Sectionals and has 17 girls with All-State cut performances.

TV show

It has finally been determined with certainty that the AHS swim and dive team will be featured on the Channel 7 High School Sports Show this Sunday, Nov. 5 between 12:30 and 1 p.m.

Interviews were conducted several weeks ago and Channel 7 sportscasters have updated the piece by inserting recent results into the commentary.

Andover 113
Chelmsford 71

This was almost like a home meet for the MVC champs.

"We invaded their territory (Lowell YMCA pool) and had more fans than Chelmsford did," said coach Fitzgerald with pride. "It was overwhelming. There were signs all over the stands and tons of faculty members (including team favorite Dave Fazio) there supporting us."

Once the meet started, Fitzgerald had some early concerns.

"After the first two events (200 medley relay, 200 free) I was very nervous because Chelmsford started out pretty strong.

"But when I saw what we did in the next event (200 IM) — and not wanting to sound like a brat — I knew we were going to win," said Fitzgerald. "We scored 11 points in the 200 IM and that was a massive boost. We totally dominated the meet after that."

Andover went on to sweep the diving and 100 breaststroke and take 1-2 in the 50 free, 100 butterfly and 500 free.

"The sweep of the breaststroke was the surprise of the day," observed Fitzgerald.

Junior talent Sally Brown captured her double in the 200 IM, with a state-cut 2:08.59, and the 500 free (5:08.78).

Sophomore sensation Connie Brown was tops in the 100 free (personal-best 52.27) and 100 backstroke (57.74).

The 100 free time is not far off the exisiting state record of 51.62, set back in 1985 by Cynthia Kangos of Wellesley. The 100 back clocking is also close to Connie's own state record 56.23 established last fall at Wellesley.

Liz Mancuso touched first in the 100 butterfly, with a personal-best time of 1:00.31, and the 50 free with a personal-best 24.69.

The Brown sisters and Mancuso were joined by Lauren Harlow on the victorious 400 free relay (3:43.57).

Harlow, Connie Brown, Holly Boucher and Beth Couture won the 200 medley relay in 1:51.88, while the 200 free relay was captured by Mancuso, Couture, Boucher and Sally Brown (1:42.06).

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Defending state champ Jen Busby led the sweep for diving coach Mary Schissel's crew, piling up 244.05 points, while Jen Ambro was second (223.95 points) and Kristen Elsmore third (217.00 points).

Other individual winners were Caitlin Geary (200 free, 1:58.13) and Boucher (100 breaststroke, 1:09.28), while Geary also placed second in the 500 free with a swift 5:20.00 clocking.

Completing the surprising sweep of the 100 breast were Amy Caron (1:10.75) and Holly Hinds (personal-best 1:11.62). Hinds also placed third in the 100 free (personal-best 56.16).

Harlow nailed down a pair of second places in the 200 IM (2:13.91) and 100 fly (1:02.32), tying Chelmsford's Kerryn Palmer for runner-up in the latter event.

Caitlin Hamer placed third in the 200 free (2:03.23) and Couture was fourth in the 50 free (26.66).

Hilary Schofield, Caron, Hinds and Erica Douvadjian took third in the 200 medley relay (1:59.13), while the third-place 200 free relay consisted of Hinds, Douvadjian, Hamer and Geary (1:45.44).

Contributing fifths were Caron (200 IM, 2:20.34) and Schofield (100 back, 1:08.97).

A bundle of sixths went to Edie Muller (200 free, 2:09.12), Monika Eghbalian (100 fly, 1:06.97), Hamer (100 free, 58.47), Ellie Browne (500 free, 5:44.35) and Matia Kostakis (100 back, 1:10.50).

"Chelmsford graduated its top sprinters from last year, and they lost a good swimmer (Suzie O'Donnell) to field hockey," said coach Fitzgerald. "But there is no way they could have beaten us even with those kids.

"We are so deep that some of our swimmers with sectional-cut times who will score points for us at Regis College — did not crack the lineup for this meet."

BOYS SOCCER

The Andover High boys varsity soccer team, with several top guns injured and watching from the sidelines, dropped a 3-0 decision to host Chelmsford in their regular season finale under the lights at the Lions' Simonian/Alumni Stadium.

Top goalscorer Paul Davison (sprained ankle), senior defender and Capt. Jim Hale (concussion) and freshman midfielder Chris Naitza (concussion) did not play and the status of all three for the Division 1 North Tournament was unknown at *Townsman* presstime.

Hale suffered his concussion against Lowell and Naitza against Austin Prep last week.

Tourney qualifier AHS finished the regular season at 8-8-2 overall and 5-6-2 in MVC play, while head coach Amundsen's career won-lost-tied ledger now reads 301-96-68.

The Golden Warriors will enter single-elimination post-season play hoping to snap a four-game losing streak.

"We made the tournament and that's the main thing," noted coach Amundsen.

Schedule

The Division 1 North Tournament pairings were released yesterday, after *Townsman* presstime, with first-round games expected to start either tomorrow or Saturday.

The Golden Warriors will likely be on the road throughout the tourney.

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ANDOVER SCORING

FOOTBALL
(7 games)

	TD	PA	Pts.
Chris Callison	3	0	18
Bruce Brown	2	0	12
Adam Martel	0	8	8
Shahriar Ghandchi	1	0	6
Jon Maloney	1	0	6
Brendan Smith	1	0	6

TD Passes: Brendan Smith 2.
TD Receptions: Chris Callison 1, Jon Maloney 1.

BOYS SOCCER
(18 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Matt Bengston	8	9	17
Paul Davison	12	4	16
Josh Gagnon	11	5	16
Ryan Piazza	4	2	6
Chris Brouillard	3	1	4
Jim Hale	1	2	3
Chris Naitza	1	2	3
James Kim	1	1	2
Jon Konjoian	1	1	2
Geordie Miliotis	0	2	2
Geoff Wiech	0	2	2
Nick Brucato	0	1	1
Mike Corey	0	1	1
Steve Hibino	0	1	1
Brian Murphy	0	1	1
Mark Murphy	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Josh Gagnon 1.
Shutouts: Dan Bellacqua 2; Bellacqua, Greg Mongeau & Reid Clifton 2.

GIRLS SOCCER
(19 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Katie Kramer	20	11	31
Lisa Tisbert	17	8	25
Jenny Muller	14	7	21
Allison Dexter	3	11	14
Liz Sullivan	3	2	5
Courtney Hale	2	3	5
Meghan Charlebois	1	3	4
Kathy Murphy	1	3	4
Ashley Faulk	2	1	3
Tina Baraby	1	2	3
Janelle Larose	2	0	2
Amy Galluzzo	1	1	2
Sloan McCauley	1	1	2
Diana Petersen	0	2	2
Jackie Alexander	0	1	1
Natasha Camilo	0	1	1
Courtney Hale	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Katie Kramer 4, Lisa Tisbert 2, Jenny Muller 1.
Shutouts: Kaitlin Hyde 2; Taylor Traub 1; Hyde & Traub 3.

FIELD HOCKEY
(18 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Grace Farnham	14	4	18
Stephanie Casper	2	9	11
Lindsay Shaheen	6	4	10
Abby Dennehy	4	3	7
Elysia Yet	2	4	6
Loren Munro	2	1	3
Joan Moffitt	1	2	3
Kara Spang	0	2	2
Melissa Currier	1	0	1
Sara Griswald	1	0	1
Meg Reilly	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Grace Farnham 2.
Shutouts: Angelica Rotsart 7; Missy Rauseo 1; Rauseo & Rotsart 2.

AHS ROUNDUP

MVC All-Star Game

Senior captain and defender Jim Hale was named to the MVC All-Conference team.

Matt Bengston, Capt. Geordie Milliotis and goalkeeper Dan Bellacqua were also selected for the All-Star Team.

Three of the four honorees represented the Golden Warriors at the annual MVC All-Star Game last Sunday afternoon at Andover High's Lovely Field. Hale sat the game out because of the concussion.

Scoring leaders

Matt Bengston leads the point parade with eight goals and nine assists, while Paul Davison has 12 goals, four assists and Josh Gagnon 11 goals, five assists.

Chelmsford 3
Andover 0

The Lions scored twice in the first half and added an insurance goal in the second half, handing the undermanned locals their fourth shutout loss of the season.

"We played fairly well under the circumstances — but just didn't create the opportunities Chelmsford did," said coach Amundsen.

Defensive standouts for Andover were Capt. Geordie Milliotis, senior Steve Hibino and sophomore midfielder Nick Brucato.

Senior keeper Reid Clifton made four saves in the first half and junior Greg Mongeau stopped three shots in the final 40 minutes.

GOLF

The Andover High golfers completed another highly successful season by tying for fifth place in a 14-team field at the annual MIAA All-State Division 1 Championship held at Waverly Oaks CC in Plymouth.

The Golden Warriors and South Hadley both finished with 332 strokes, trailing only state champion St. John's Prep of Danvers (313), East Longmeadow High (320), Algonquin Regional of Northboro (322) and Boston College High (327).

The individual medalist and new state champ is Derek Yvon of Springfield Cathedral, who carded a 76, while runner-up Dan Falcucci of Algonquin shot a 77.

The conditions were not exactly conducive to good golf, with intermittent rain (that washed away a light snow covering), brisk winds and temperatures just above freezing.

Earlier in the season AHS had won the Merrimack Valley Conference championship, 14-2 in league matches and 14-4 overall (two non-league losses to St. John's Prep), and finished fourth in the Division 1 North Sectional Tournament at Georgetown CC.

MVC Individuals

AHS golfers Derek Barenboim and Andy Haak were among the 18 players, two from each of the nine conference schools with golf teams, who teed off recently in the annual MVC Individual Championship at the Country Club of Billerica.

The tourney was an 18-hole medal-play event.

Barenboim finished 11th after shooting 41-39-80 and Haak was tied for 15th with a 45-38-83.

A.J. Mastrullo of Billerica won the title with a 37-35-72, beating runnerup Pat Moriarty of Lowell by two strokes (39-35-74).

FIELD HOCKEY

The Andover High varsity field hockey team completed the regular season with tough back-to-back 1-0 losses to Lowell and Merrimack Valley Conference champion Tewksbury.

The recent results left Division 1 North Tournament qualifier Andover with a 10-6-2 overall record and MVC mark of 8-6-2.

Schedule

Andover was seeded No. 17 in a state-high 20-team field in the Division 1 North Tournament.

The Lady Warriors will open play this afternoon (Thursday, 2:30 p.m.) with a game at No. 16 seed Westford Academy of the Dual County League.

The game was originally slated for Tuesday but was postponed by inclement weather.

If AHS wins today it will advance to a first-round game against top seed Danvers.

Scoring leaders

After 18 games Grace Farnham has 14 goals and four assists to lead the scoring parade.

Defensively, Andover allowed only 11 goals in 18 regular-season games and netminders Angelica Rotsart and Missy Rauseo boast a miniscule 0.61 goals-against average and 10 shutouts.

All-Conference

Lady Warriors' senior midfielder and Capt. Abby Dennehy has been named the Most Valuable Player of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

She is joined on the 2000 MVC All-Conference Team by goaltender Angelica Rotsart, while sophomore forward Grace Farnham and senior forward and Capt. Lindsay Shaheen were named MVC All-Stars.

The four AHS players were ready to compete for the MVC team in the annual All-Star Game against the Dual County League elite last Monday night at Weston High — but the game was cancelled because of bad weather. It could not be rescheduled because of the MIAA Tournament.

Lowell 1
Andover 0

Jen Florence scored the only goal of the game for the host Red Raiders with five minutes left in the first half, as Lowell completed the finest regular season in its brief field hockey history with a 12-3-3 overall record.

The locals appeared to outplay the winning team, but Andover was unable to capitalize on its chances.

"Lowell hustled and went to the ball well," said coach Maureen Noone. "But I definitely felt we had the edge in play."

The Lady Warriors' top performers were Grace Farnham at left wing, Melissa Currier on defense, Elysia Yet at forward and Tristina Carlson before she went down with a badly-sprained ankle in the second half.

AHS goaltender Angelica Rotsart made three saves and Lowell's Heather Ryan had five stops. Andover finished with a 10-5 edge in corners.

Tewksbury 1
Andover 0

Tewksbury needed to win this season finale at Andover High to nail down its first-ever Merrimack Valley Conference championship.

Jess Mirisola's unassisted goal early in the first half did the trick, and goaltender Jen Willey protected the slender margin with a clutch 18-save shutout.

"Once again we outplayed the opponent," said coach Noone. "We had an 18-5 edge in shots and a ton of corners at the end of the game.

"But we couldn't finish off the scoring opportunities. Tewksbury blocked up the middle and played good defense."

Noone lauded the efforts of conference MVP Abby Dennehy, forwards Stephanie Casper and Grace Farnham and right back Amanda Gallant.

Gallant stepped in for injured junior defender Tristina Carlson, who at Townsman presstime was questionable for the tourney opener with a bad ankle sprain.

The game was witnessed by the largest crowd of the season, which included many players from both the Chelmsford and Methuen High teams.

Chelmsford and Methuen needed a Tewksbury tie or loss to grab a share the MVC title, but instead finished a point behind TMHS in the final regular season standings.

Tewksbury was 11-1-4 in conference play for 26 points, while Methuen (12-3-1) and Chelmsford (11-2-3) both closed with 25 points.

GIRLS SOCCER

The Andover High girls soccer team made final preparations for the Division 1 North Tournament, and officially clinched another Merrimack Valley Conference title, with a win and a tie in its last two regular season games.

Facing two other tourney qualifiers, the Lady Warriors chalked up a 3-1 victory over pesky Central Catholic and battled North Andover to a 0-0 standoff on the coldest, windiest night of the season.

The recent results left AHS with a final regular season record of 13-3-3 overall and 11-1-1 as MVC champion for the 11th time in the last 16 years.

Coach Dick Loschi's overall career won-lost-tied mark is now an impressive 226-59-33.

Schedule

The Division 1 North Tournament pairings were released yesterday, after Townsman presstime, with the tourney expected to start either tomorrow or Saturday.

Andover should be seeded among the top eight teams and will likely play its first tournament game at home.

MVC All-Star Game

Lisa Tisbert, Katie Kramer, Lisa Tylus, Diana Petersen, Jenny Muller, Allison Dexter, Jen Annese, Julia Gatti and keeper Taylor Traub represented Andover at the annual MVC All-Star Game last Sunday afternoon at Andover High's Lovely Field.

Scoring leaders

Katie Kramer heads the scoring

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RJ BRAUN	WEST EL	6:16
PARKER WASHBURN	BANCROFT	6:19
JOSHUA TORRES	WEST EL	6:21
BRIAN RUSSELL	SANBORN	6:24
JASON CHAREWICZ	SOUTH	6:33
ALEX DALEY	BANCROFT	6:34
CAMERON SMITH	SOUTH	6:34
RYAN HEAVEY	WEST EL.	6:36
MARK SHKOLNIK	WEST EL	6:39
SEAN EHLBECK	BANCROFT	6:41
KEVIN BARONI	BANCROFT	6:46
BRANDON TOPP	WEST EL	6:48
JEFF KUBLIN	WEST EL	6:48
ANDREW CARROLL	SANBORN	6:56
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RICKY SHANAHAN	SOUTH	7:01
TYLER BELANGER	WEST EL	7:06
CHRISTIAN BENEDIX	SANBORN	7:07
ERIC HEATH	WEST EL	7:08
MATTHEW TWOMEY	SANBORN	7:14
TOBIAS JECKEL	SANBORN	7:14
DAVID LOWENSTEIN	SANBORN	7:17
BRENDAN MAHONEY	WEST EL	7:20
DEVON MULLEN	SANBORN	7:21
GAVIN MCIVER	WEST EL	7:23
MIKE FECTEAU	WEST EL	7:23
RYAN WARD	SOUTH	7:24
JACOB RING	WEST EL	7:25
PETER RUNDQUIST	BANCROFT	7:28
JOHN HAAK	SOUTH	7:29
ANDREW SPEEN	SOUTH	7:29
SAM DEMPSEY	WEST EL	7:31
LARS TIMMERMANN	SANBORN	7:31
ALEX LENNON	WEST EL	7:31
ALEX GOLAN	SANBORN	7:32
NICHOLAS POLAND	BANCROFT	7:32
CRAIG SCHWARZ	SANBORN	7:34
DREW O'BRIEN	WEST EL	7:37
JOSH DEVINE	SOUTH	7:38
SCOTT VALLER	SANBORN	7:40
KYLE MCCANN	WEST EL	7:41
THOMAS MCQUILLAN	WEST EL	7:42
SEAN BURKE	WEST EL	7:44
MATT ERIKSON	SOUTH	7:45
JOSEPH BUSCHUR	SANBORN	7:48
ZACH SOLOMON-BELOIN	SANBORN	7:48
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MARK DEERING	SANBORN	8:03
MICHAEL LAYNE	SANBORN	8:06
JAMIE STEPHENS	WEST EL	8:09
CHRIS SULLIVAN	BANCROFT	8:10
MATT VETERE	SOUTH	8:12
SAMIR NAJILI	SOUTH	8:24
ROBERT WHIRTY	SOUTH	8:25
COLIN DESKO	SOUTH	8:30
ERIC WALTHER-GRANT	BANCROFT	8:35
GIANNI MICELI	WEST EL	8:37
RICKY RETELLE	SANBORN	8:39
ADAM MARGET	SANBORN	8:46
MATTHEW VACHON	SANBORN	8:46
ALEXANDER MACHERAS	WEST EL	8:48
ANTHONY CERULLO	WEST EL	8:49
ALEX WEIN	SOUTH	9:05
JORDAN GREENBERG	SANBORN	9:06
OWEN ZANG	WEST EL	9:22

GRADE 4 GIRLS

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
SHANNON COONY	WEST EL	6:35
COLLEEN SHANNON	BANCROFT	6:41
CATHERINE GROSS	BANCROFT	6:49
CAROLINE DWYER	SANBORN	7:08
LAURA HARKER	SANBORN	7:15
AMY CARON	BANCROFT	7:17
HILARY RICH	BANCROFT	7:18
ANDREA LEAHY	SANBORN	7:19
LAURA CODY	BANCROFT	7:20
JESSIE MILLER	WEST EL	7:27
MELISSA KNAPP	BANCROFT	7:28
RACHAEL BURFIELD	BANCROFT	7:29
LEAH CAIRNS	WEST EL	7:30
CHRISTA DOUVADJIAN	SANBORN	7:33
HEATHER SULLIVAN	WEST EL	7:34
KELLY COOKE	WEST EL	7:37
KELSEY HEAVEY	WEST EL	7:39
JILLIAN RICCIARDELLI	SANBORN	7:42
MEAGAN DEYERMOND	BANCROFT	7:43
AVERY IUDICE	SANBORN	7:49
ALISON DAVEY	WEST EL	7:50
TINK JAMES	BANCROFT	7:58
CAROLINE LYLE	SANBORN	8:00
CAROLINE COLUMBO	BANCROFT	8:01
KATTIE SHIELDS	SANBORN	8:05
ALEXANDRA BENGSTON	WEST EL	8:08
OLIVIA EVANS	WEST EL	8:12
LAURA MASSEY	WEST EL	8:15
EMILY BLECH	SOUTH	8:27
LAUREN KERWIN	WEST EL	8:28
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SARAH THIELE	WEST EL	8:46
KELLY FOX	SANBORN	8:59
KATHRYN UGGERHOLT	SANBORN	9:06
ALI CARROLL	WEST EL	9:11
KASEY QUINLAN	BANCROFT	9:15
MALINA ANDRE	WEST EL	9:21
MICHELLE CALABRO	SANBORN	9:24
JOAN SIOPES	SANBORN	9:24
KATIE LABATTE	WEST EL	9:43
RHEA FULLER	BANCROFT	9:56
AMANDA SPINALE	SANBORN	9:58
JILLIAN SIOPES	SANBORN	10:07
JESS KILDAHL	SOUTH	10:24
KATHRYN BALNFORD	WEST EL	10:36
MEGAN FARQUHAR	WEST EL	10:39

GRADE 5 BOYS

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
MICHAEL DONELAN	BANCROFT	5:53
EVAN CARTER	SOUTH	5:58
JEFF PIRRO	BANCROFT	6:01
BRIAN SPURR	BANCROFT	6:05
SHAWN MC DERMOTT	SANBORN	6:08
JOHN HYSLIP	WEST EL	6:11
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JOSH SIDEMAN	WEST EL	6:17
JOHN CAVENEY	WEST EL	6:19
PAUL DIMITRUK	SOUTH	6:22
ZACH HAMER	BANCROFT	6:24
PETER HITCHKO	BANCROFT	6:26
DAVID ADAMS	SANBORN	6:29
DAVID EASTON	WEST EL	6:31
THOMAS PAOLERI	WEST EL	6:32
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KEVIN HITCHKO	BANCROFT	6:47
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MAX THORBURN	SANBORN	6:55
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ZACH FRISH	SANBORN	6:58
ADAM ISENHART	SANBORN	6:59
MATTHEW TURIANO	BANCROFT	7:04
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ERIC RUNDQUIST	BANCROFT	7:10
GREG ARCIDY	WEST EL	7:13
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CATHERINE LOMEDICO	WEST EL	6:29
ELENA JACOBSON	SOUTH	6:31
ZUZANA FRUMERTOVA	SANBORN	6:49
EMILY BARKER	BANCROFT	6:54
LAURA RENFRO	SANBORN	7:04
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EMILY MCLAUGHLIN	BANCROFT	8:26
TAYLA ROBERGE	SOUTH	8:30
KATIE FIONTE	WEEST EL	8:35
STEFANIE EISENBACH	WEST EL	9:51

AHS ROUNDUP

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parade after 19 games with 20 goals and 11 assists for 31 points, while Lisa Tisbert has 17 goals, eight assists and Jenny Muller 14 goals, seven assists.

Andover 3
Central Catholic 1

Sophomore Jenny Muller set up the game's first goal in the opening half, and scored her 13th and 14th goals of the season less than five minutes apart after the break.

Lisa Tisbert netted her 17th of the season, and fourth in two games, to give AHS the lead 31:20 into the game played under the lights at Lovely Field.

Katie Kramer and Muller were credited with assists, as a crossing pass dropped perfectly for a Tisbert blast past CCHS keeper Zibby McCleary.

Muller netted the unassisted game-winning goal at 11:20 of the second half, emerging from a scramble following an Allison Dexter corner kick to poke the ball into the net.

Muller's insurance goal at 16:07, which made it 3-0, came after a crossing pass by Dexter who notched her 11th assist.

The pesky Raiders got on the board at 22:20 when Sara Vienneau dropped a shot behind AHS complete-game keeper Taylor Traub.

"It was a fun game with a lot of non-stop back-and-forth action," said coach Loschi. "A game played at a fast pace from start to finish.

"There was a lot of kick-and-run soccer by both teams. There were several large spurts where we had control of the play, and when Central took over Traub and our defense were up to the task."

Loschi lauded the defensive work of Capt. Diana Petersen, senior Jen Annese, junior Lisa Tylus and junior Natasha Camilo.

Traub finished with nine saves and McCleary with 10 as the locals held a slim 13-10 shots-on-goal edge.

Andover also edged Central 3-2 earlier this season.

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Sophomore defender Julia Gatti attended the game but did not play. She was still feeling sick after an allergic reaction to a bee sting two days earlier.

Andover 0
North Andover 0

Playing in frigid weather with a wind-chill factor that dropped the temperature to single digits, the locals battled to a scoreless standoff with neighbor and Cape Ann League power North Andover (13-1-3).

"The wind was howling but even when it was in our face we managed to control the play," said coach Loschi.

"North Andover only got out of its end a couple times in the first half, and even though we were going against the wind in the second half we continued to move the ball well and dominate the game territorially."

AHS top scorer Katie Kramer had a goal called back in the 25th minute of the first half. She connected off a corner kick but the officials erased the goal because of an interference penalty.

The locals held a wide 19-3 advantage in shots-on-goal.

Taylor Traub played the first half in the Andover net and did not have to make a save. Kaitlin Hyde made three stops in the final 40 minutes to preserve the team's third combined shutout and sixth whitewash overall.

Caitlin Pickul had 11 saves in the first half and Colleen Doran made eight more in the second half for the Scarlet Knights.

Lisa Tisbert, Diana Petersen and Lisa Tylus played well for Andover, which had only been shut out once before this season (2-0 loss to Notre Dame Academy of Hingham).

It was the first nil-nil tie for AHS in girls soccer since Oct. 16 of last year against Marian High of Framingham.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet was contested in brutally cold and blustery weather, which made a tough 3.1-mile run even more testing for all involved.

But the Andover showing ranks among the best ever by both Golden Warrior teams, thanks to the strong individual performances of Tim Galebach, Laura O'Connell, Sheena Patel and Emily Pfeil.

Schedule

Galebach, in particular, should also be among the leaders at the annual Eastern Mass. State Coaches Meet and Eastern Mass. Class Championships this Saturday and Nov. 11 at Franklin Park in Boston.

At the latter event AHS harriers will be bidding to qualify for the season-ending All-State Championship Meet Nov. 18 at the Tufts Medical Center course in Grafton.

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A fine Warrior effort comes up short, 16-14

By Rick Harrison

Playing arguably its best game of the season, the Andover High varsity football team gave host Exeter N.H. High all it could handle before dropping a heartbreaking 16-14 non-league decision at Eustis Field.

It was the first-ever meeting between the two public high schools on the gridiron, although the Phillips Andover and Exeter rivalry has been around for a century.

The undefeated Blue Hawks were barely able to escape with their perfect record intact, improving to 8-0 overall when an Andover center snap went through the punter's hands and rolled out of the end zone for a two-point safety that broke a 14-14 tie with less than four minutes left in the fourth quarter.

The Golden Warriors, now 1-6, had battled back from a 14-0 first-period deficit on touchdowns in the middle two quarters by top running backs Bruce Brown and Chris Callison.

Brown's second TD of the season came on a four yard run midway through the second period, while fellow junior Callison broke loose for a 73 yard jaunt and his team-high third touchdown early in the third stanza.

Placekicker Adam Martel, now 8-for-8 in PATs, split the uprights after both scores as the visitors pulled even 14-14.

Exeter, a dominant force in New Hampshire Division 2 football over the past decade and winner of four state titles in the last six years, took charge early and threatened to make the game a runaway.

Eric Raisanen scored early in the first quarter on a 19 yard run, and when Jason Frotton followed a short time later with a seven yard TD run things did not look good for the Golden Warriors.

But the locals' defense, once again led by energetic Sean Smith and Andy Gallagher, stiffened and the offense got untracked to bring improved Andover back into contention.

Callison led all rushers in the game with 104 yards on 10 carries, while Brown added 45 yards on 14 lugs.

Veteran back Brent Barbato paced Exeter with 92 yards on 21 rushes and Raisanen contributed 51 yards on 15 carries.

Callison also caught two passes from QB Brian Decoucey for 33 yards, while Brown and Jim Ayoub had one reception each.

Blue Hawks' quarterback Billy Ball attempted only two passes and both fell incomplete.

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Andover returns home to Lovely Field tomorrow night (7 p.m.) to host Lowell (3-5), whose deceptive record includes one-point losses to Billerica (35-34) and Chelmsford (21-20).

The Red Raiders crushed Methuen 34-14 last weekend to snap a three-game losing streak, and four times this season LHS has scored 20 or more points. Lowell is only eight points from a 6-2 record.

Quarterback Chris Cenik leads the attack with a team-high 42 points, which includes 18 PAT kicks, and he has also thrown six touchdown passes.

Running back Jeff Ross, who missed four games with a knee injury, is back healthy and enters with six touchdowns and close to 400 yards rushing.

Running back Matt Zousoumas has four TDs, and Cenik's favorite targets are wide receivers Marcus Wilson and James Shaughnessy with two touchdown receptions each.

The fleet and elusive Wilson has had two games this fall where he caught nine and seven passes.

Andover squandered a late-game lead last year at Cawley Stadium, dropping a wild 34-33 decision to Lowell and All-Scholastic running back Raunny Rosario who has graduated.

Andover has lost four straight to the Red Raiders, last winning 14-13 in 1996, and Lowell has also beaten Andover in six of their last seven meetings.

Since 1980 Lowell has a 13-5 series edge (no game in 1991 and 1992).

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The season wraps up with an away game Nov. 10 against Haverhill at Haverhill Stadium, and the traditional Thanksgiving morning finale against current MVC co-leader Central Catholic (6-1, 5-0 league).

VARSITY FOOTBALL

EXETER, N.H. 16, ANDOVER 14
at Eustis Field, Exeter, N.H.

Andover	0	7	7	0	—	14
Exeter	14	0	0	2	—	16

E: Eric Raisanen 19 run (Adam Ranks kick)
E: Jason Frotton 2 run (Ranks kick)
A: Bruce Brown 4 run (Adam Martel kick)
A: Chris Callison 73 run (Martel kick)
E: Safety: Andover punt snap goes through end zone

Team Statistics

First Downs: Andover 11; Exeter 15.
Rushes/Yards: Andover 26-152; Exeter 51-233.
Passing: Andover 4-11-0, 41 yards; Exeter 0-2-0.
Total Yards: Andover 193; Exeter 233.
Fumbles/Lost: Andover 2-1; Exeter 1-0.
Scrimmage Plays: Andover 42; Exeter 57.
Records: Andover 1-6, Exeter 8-0.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: A, Chris Callison 10-104, TD; Bruce Brown 14-45, TD. E, Brent Barbato 21-92; Eric Raisanen 15-51.
Passing: A, Brian Decoursey 4-11-0, 41 yards; E, Billy Ball 0-2-0.
Receiving: A, Chris Callison 2-33; Jim Ayoub 1-5; Bruce Brown 1-3.

Three-peat for AJFL's Cowboys, as 40th season wraps up

The Andover Junior Football League concluded its 40th football season in dramatic fashion with a one-game playoff.

The Central Cowboys and Bancroft Eagles finished the regular season with identical 4 and 1 records. Sunday's showdown at Doherty Middle School was played under winter-like conditions, with the Cowboys taking the title, 19-0.

AJFL president Ted Teichert

This is the third consecutive title for coach Bruce Brown's Cowboys. Midway through the first quarter, the Cowboys' Buddy Farnham hooked up with Matt Hennessy for a 51-yard scoring strike on the team's first play from scrimmage. Hennessy broke two Eagle tackles to get into the end zone. Midway through the third quarter, Justin Grasso swept 40 yards down the left sideline for a 12-0 lead.

Eric Jeton capped off the Cowboys final scoring drive with a 58-yard jaunt late in the fourth quarter.

The extra point was on a play-action pass to Matt Furness.

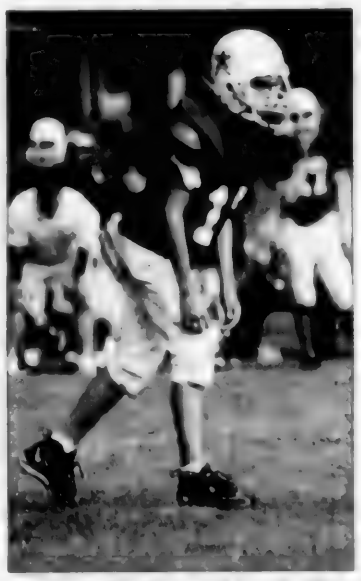
Coach Brown received outstanding performances from 5th-year players Conor Lynch, Matt Quinlan and Jay Geary.

Andrew Hennessy, AJ Drivas, Kyle Smith and Alex Vendola starred on defense.

Corey Steele, Gavin Lynch, Steve Sullivan and Nick Allain led the Cowboys B squad.

The Eagles' Matt Saia, Tom Tassinari, Ben Baldwin, Chris Chaney, Joey Miara, John Tassinari and Michael Burbank starred as well.

The AJFL holds its annual banquet and award ceremony Nov. 16 at the Andover High School cafeteria.



From left, Conor Lynch (No. 12) of the Cowboys awaits a kickoff; the Cowboys' Gavin Lynch (No. 5) prepares to take the snap; Cowboys head coach Bruce Brown watches the play.

ROUNDUP

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Andover girls

Laura O'Connell, who won four dual and tri-meet races during the regular season, must have experienced a feeling of deja vu as she placed second in a field of 75 runners at the MVC Championship.

One of the few harriers to beat her during the regular season, Kara Gillette of Chelmsford, did it again and did it in much the same fashion.

Once again O'Connell led for a major portion of the race, but Gillette came on strong over the final mile and slowly pulled away for the victory.

Gillette crossed the finish line amidst swirling leaves in 21 minutes, four seconds which was 24 seconds ahead of runner-up O'Connell (21:28).

Sheena Patel was two strides behind her teammate in third (21:31), and Emily Pfeil also cracked the top 10 while placing seventh (21:45).

Julia Kwolyk also ran well with a 16th place finish in 22:30.

Andover chalked up 59 points while placing 13 behind champ Chelmsford at 46. Haverhill was third with 75.

Andover boys

During their regular-season dual-meet race at Andover, Tim Galebach beat Central Catholic's Chris Grange by a healthy 30-second margin on the AHS course.

This time around at Chelmsford Galebach moved to an early lead, but Grange caught up just before the two-mile marker and held the AHS ace off at the end to win by 10 seconds.

Grange completed the course in 16 minutes, 50 seconds while Galebach, who scored a perfect 1,600 on his SAT exams and is looking at several Ivy League colleges including Dartmouth for next year, crossed the line in 17 minutes flat.

Rounding out the top five, less than 20 seconds behind Galebach, were Chris Gonsalves (17:10) and Patrick Morasee (17:14) of Lowell and Steve Orr of Chelmsford (17:18).

Brendan Ahern was the only other AHS harrier to crack the top 25, placing 20th in 18:15.

Andover finished with 134 points to trail champ Chelmsford (53), Lowell (67) and Methuen (79).

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Two prevail in Wiffle Ball Tournament at AHS fieldhouse

By Patrick Sullivan

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A total of 64 kids took the eight fields to wage battle for the coveted Wiffle Cup.

Hitters were bombarded with wicked curveballs, rising fastballs, and knuckleballs. Try as they might, there was only room for two at the top. The true Wiffle fanatics remained to see a Wiffle battle for the decades.

After many extra innings Andy Timko and John Iorio came out on top and are now "officially" the Wiffle Ball Champions of Andover.

▶ *For more information about Wiffle Ball, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, or Glenn Wilson, assistant director, at 623-8241; or Jack Grady, Townsman assistant editor, at 475-7000. E-mail submissions to: jack@andover-townsman.com*

Andy Timko (left) and John Iorio are the Wiffle Ball Champions of Andover. ▶

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Cats are welcome at **Groomingdale's** for bathing, brushing, cleaning ears, cutting nails, and for trims, including Amy's specialty of lion trims. Regular bathing can reduce cat dander significantly and lessen the risk of allergies, but bathing a cat is a daunting task. Amy's clients are glad to leave this job in her capable hands.

With the holidays coming, many people like to have their pets groomed to look their best for company. Call **Groomingdale's** now for an appointment. Telephone (978) 475-1825. Hours are Tues.- Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with early morning and evening appointments available. Address is 93 Main St., Andover, in the South Annex of Olde Andover Village.

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Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art. [illegible]

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Merrimack College's McQuade Library Art Gallery. ***Resolution of Reality***. [illegible]

Brush Art Gallery. [illegible] St., Lowell. (978) 459-7819 ▶

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly. (978) 232-2250

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art. *Through the 20th Century, a Life in Photography*, through Dec. 1. Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., wheelchair accessible. $3, $2 seniors, members, students and children free. 67 Shore Road, Winchester. (781) 729-1158

Montserrat College of Art Gallery. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly. (978) 921-4242

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8321

Town Manager's Offices, art work on display is by Phoebe Kwass, through Dec. 1, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., 623-8200.

Whistler House Museum of Art. *Ships at Sea: Paintings from the Permanent Collection; Aldro T. Hibbard: From Vermont to Rockport, Mass;* and *Pasture Views: New England Landscapes*, through December; *Remember the Ladies*, through Nov. 4; *Works of Monique Sakellarios*, opens Nov. 9 through Dec. 30, with opening reception on Nov. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., $4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell. 452-7641

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaelogy. *Peru: from Village to Empire*, through July, Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., free admission. Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St., 749-4490

Peabody Essex Museum, *Frank W. Benson: American Impressionist*, through Feb. 18, 2001; *Tell-Tale Signs: Symbols of Life and Leisure in Japan* and *Odyssey: A Journey into World Art*, through Nov. 12; *Odyssey: A Journey into World Art*, through 2001; *The Real Witchcraft Papers*, ongoing; *The Saltonstall Family Portraits*, ongoing; *A Folk Art Sampler*, ongoing; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., $10 adults, $8 seniors, students; free for children under 16; (978) 745-9500

The Saltbox Gallery, works by 19 local artists from the North Shore, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield; (978) 887-3844

Churchill Gallery, new works of landscapes and still lifes by Elizabeth Wadleigh Leary and Elizabeth Mauser Leary, Nov. 4-19, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, (978) 462-9891.

Mingo Gallery, recent paintings of Paula Borsetti and Oliver Balf, through Nov. 3; Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly (978) 927-5964.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, (978) 463-8883

Brush Art Gallery is featuring *Memory, Dreams, and Celtic Spirit: Paintings by Deirdre McCullough Grunwald*, through Jan. 7. The gallery, open Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., is located at 56 Market St., Lowell. Call (978) 459-7819.

Ned Rorem's String Symphony will perform in concert with the New England String Ensemble, Susan Davenny Wyner (*in photo*) conducting, tomorrow, Friday, at 8 p.m., at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College. Tickets are $25, $20 seniors, students. Call (781) 224-1117 for more information.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT

Essex Division
Docket No. 95P 1362-EP1
NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of MARGARET BASCOM late of 101 Chestnut Street, Andover, MA, Essex County [illegible].

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the second and final account of DAVID B. EASSEN as Executor (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the twenty seventh day of November, 2000, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, EDWARD J. ROCKETT, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this twenty-fourth day of October, 2000.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate

November 2, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Monday, November 13, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in School Committee Conference Room, Second Floor, School Administration Building, Whittier Street, on the application of Joseph R. Zagarella, Trustee, U.S.A. Realty Trust of Andover, for a Comprehensive Permit under MGL Chapter 40B, Sections 20-23 (The Anti-Snob Zoning Act), and Section VIII.B.2. of the Andover Zoning By-Law; and pursuant to the Comprehensive Permit Rules of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The applicant proposes development of sixteen (16) attached townhouse style residential units, in three, two and one-half story buildings, all situated on a 33,000 square-foot parcel of land located at 274 Lowell Street, and being more particularly identified as Lot 1 on Assessor's Map 134. The application and associated plans and drawings may be examined in the Board of Appeals office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

BOARD OF APPEALS
Daniel S. Casper, Esq.
Chairman

November 2 & 9, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.
Docket No. 99P 1558-EP1

To all persons interested in the will of FAITH M. LOOK late of Andover in the County of Essex, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court by LINDA J. LOOK and DEBORAH L. HYDE, executrices of the will of said FAITH M. LOOK, praying that this Court vacate their appointment due to the omittance of an heir and issue an amended decree nunc pro tunc to August 12, 1999, as set forth in said petition.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of November, 2000 the return day of this citation.

Witness, EDWARD J. ROCKETT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of October, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register

November 2, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 00P2467-EP1

NOTICE

In the **ESTATE OF** ROBERT J. BERTAGNA otherwise known as ROBERT JOSEPH BERTAGNA, SENIOR

To all persons interested in the estate ROBERT J. BERTAGNA otherwise known as ROBERT JOSEPH BERTAGNA, SENIOR late of the County of Essex, Date of Death September 1, 2000.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by MARY D. BERTAGNA of Winchester in the County of Middlesex praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON November 20, 2000.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date October 19, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court

November 2, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PROBATE COURT
ESSEX, SS.
Docket No. 00P 2448-GI1

To RODGER W. WYMAN of Andover, in the County of Essex, and to his wife - heirs apparent or presumptive

A petition has been presented to said Court alleging that said RODGER W. WYMAN is a mentally ill person, and praying that MARJORIE WYMAN of North Andover in the County of Essex or some other suitable person, be appointed his guardian.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenooon on the twentieth day of November, 2000 the return day of this citation.

Witness, EDWARD J. ROCKETT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of October, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
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November 2, 2000

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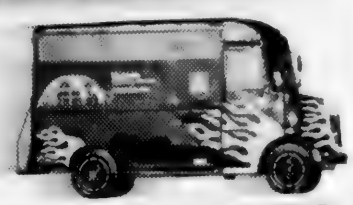

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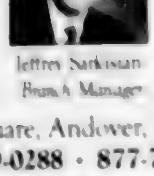

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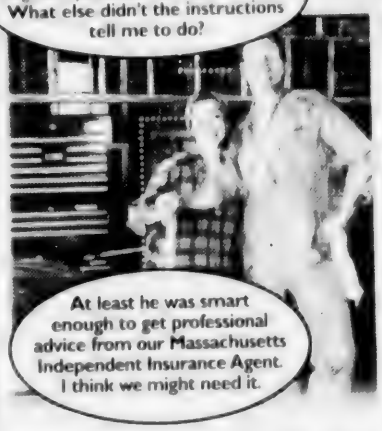

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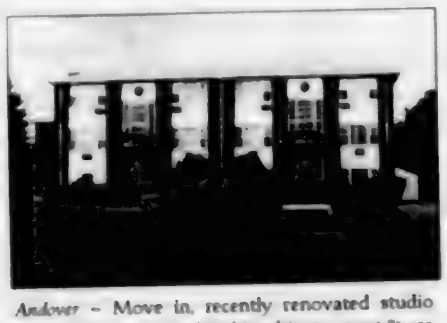

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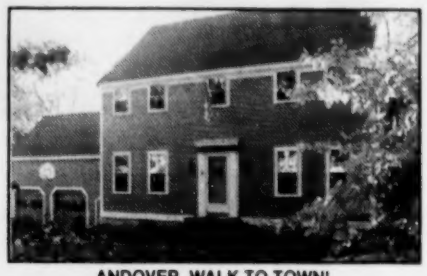

ANDOVER, WALK TO TOWN!
TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR #032
adjacent to AVIS land ~ 2700+ sq. ft. liv. space
10 rooms ~ 6 bedrooms ~ 2.5 baths
renovated attic/potential in-law suite
country kitchen opens to deck ~ abuts serene meadow
A listing by Sheryl Allen Doherty x216 ~ $569K
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ANDOVER, VIRTUAL TOUR #055!
3400+ SF ~ lovely acre lot ~ inground pool
8+ rooms ~ 4 bedrooms ~ 3 full baths
fireplaced fam rm to brick patio !
fireplaced living room with HW
formal dining room ~ eat-in kitchen ~ $639,900
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South School ~ great commuter location
6 rooms ~ 3 bedrooms ~ 1.5 baths
new roof ~ 3 season porch ~ HW
charming kitchen ~ fplcd liv room
Seller to consider offers in range $234,900 - $269,876
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ANDOVER!
TAKE VIRTUAL TOUR #41
picturesque setting ~ intoen neighborhood
7+ rooms ~ 3 bedrooms ~ 1.5 baths
enclosed breezeway ~ private rear yard
lower level office & playroom ~ central air ~ 2 car attached
A listing by Jack Hewitt x228 ~ $374,900
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ANDOVER, TAKE VIRTUAL TOUR #029
South School ~ great commuter location
8 rooms ~ 4 bedrooms
inground pool ~ patio ~ screened house
charming kitchen w/breakfast nook
great commuter location
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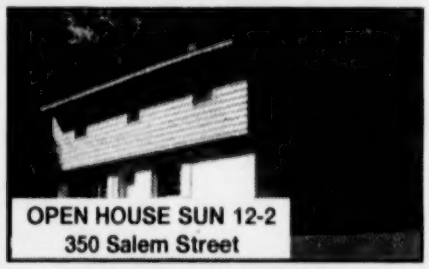

ANDOVER, VIRTUAL TOUR #053
Enjoy country living in Colonial on acre
2 car detached garage has room w/sliders
fireplaced master & living rooms
new white kitchen ~ 2 new baths ~ 3 lg BR
light & bnght ~ HW ~ new carp ~ immed occupancy
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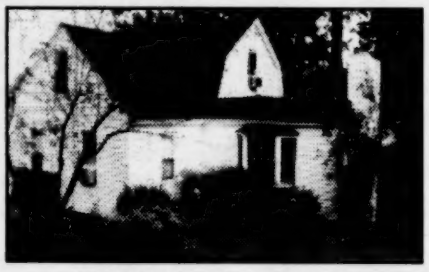

ANDOVER! VIRTUAL TOUR #050
Col ~ lovely lot ~ many improvements
6 rooms ~ 3 bedrooms
new HW in eat-in kitchen
new dishwasher ~ enhanced dining area
detached garage ~ $207,500
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NORTH ANDOVER ESTATES! VIRTUAL TOUR #049
2 story foyer ~ 9' ceilings ~ immaculate
spectacular views ~ entertain in style
3900+ SF & 1800 SF in fin. low. lev. w/wet bar
10 rooms ~ 5 bedrooms ~ 4.5 baths
white gourmet kit/granite island/countertops
A listing by Michael Sibulesky x247 ~ $699,900
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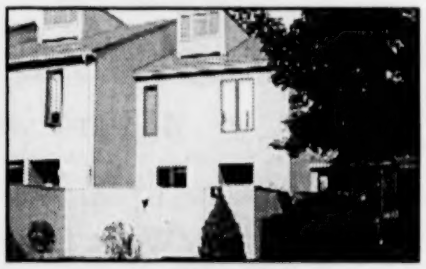

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ANDOVER, TAKE VIRTUAL TOUR #056
NATURE LOVERS DREAM! QUICK OCCUPANCY
secluded 1.4 acre lot with brook
fireplaced liv rm ~ formal din rm
eat-in kitchen ~ den ~ HW
7 rooms ~ 3 bedrooms ~ 2 baths ~
Another listing by Jack Hewitt x228 ~ $239,900
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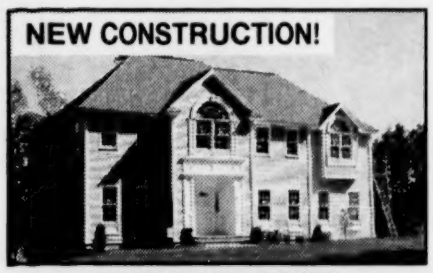

ANDOVER, SOUTHWICK ESTATES!
10 rooms ~ 4 bedrooms ~ 2.5 baths
1 plus acre ~ 3600 sq. ft. liv. space
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custom "craftsman" kitchen by Al Gervais
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IMPECCABLE NEWER COLONIAL
sparkling & sunfilled throughout
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new oversized kit w/granite island & counters
spacious cath ceil frplcd fam rm off kit
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ANDOVER, GRACIOUS COLONIAL!
custom details throughout ~ lovely yard with arbor
step down living rm w/gas frplc ~ stunning open foyer
hand finished raised paneling ~ cherry kitchen
light frplcd fam rm ~ beaut. oak/walnut flrs
9 rooms ~ 4 bedrooms ~ 2.5 baths ~ 2 car under
Another listing by Joan Lewis x223 $575,000
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NORTH ANDOVER, NEAR SMOLAK FARM!
"parklike" acre+ w/magnolia, perennials & arbor
new spacious kit w/eating area opens to deck
light & bright interiors, truly a "must see"
7 sparkling rooms ~ 3 bedrooms ~ 1.5 baths
1480+ S. ~ 2 car garage under ~ HW throughout
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New York Colonial ~ 2 car garage
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ANDOVER, JOHNSON ACRES!
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eat-in kitchen ~ cozy pine den
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ANDOVER, INTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD!
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9 rooms ~ 5 bedrooms ~ 2.5 updated baths
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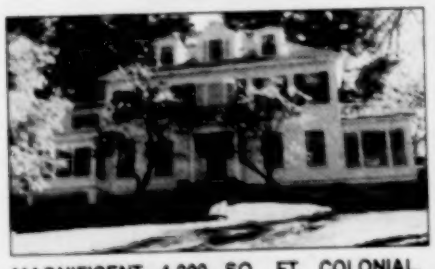

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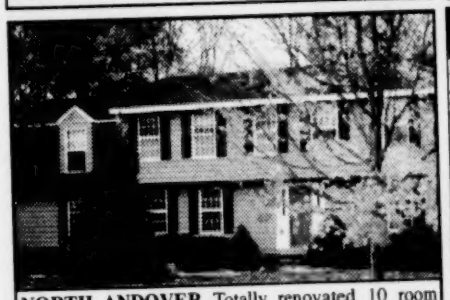

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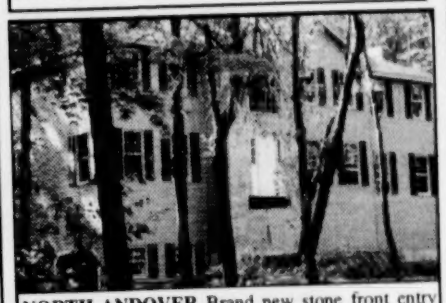

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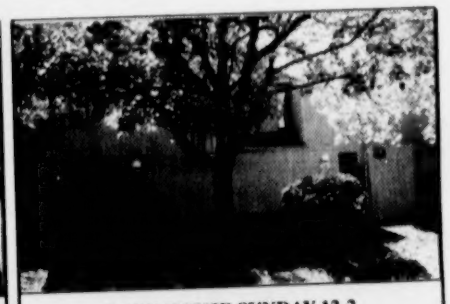

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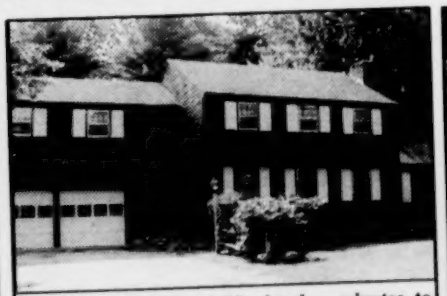

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